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Tories claim Labour has peaked

Major pressed to delay election until next year

By Robin Oakley, political editor

MINISTERS were yesterday pressing John Major to delay calling a general election until next spring after the bruising the Conservatives suffered in council polls on Thursday night.

The party lost twice as many seats as expected, surrendering control of more than 40 councils, while Labour made great progress in the Tory heartlands of southern England. The Liberal Democrats surprised everyone with widespread gains that left them running more authorities than they have done for a quarter of a century.

Neil Kinnock and Paddy Ashdown both called for a general election next month, but that has been ruled out in government circles, and even an autumn election is by no means a certainty. Some of Mr Major's cabinet colleagues want him to wait until next year, when they expect prices to have stabilised, interest rates to be well down and the economy to be much healthier, even though unemployment will still be high. Mr Kinnock said that Mr Major should not keep Britain in suspense until 1992.

Council Gains/Losses

By	Lab	L/Dem	C	NOC†
From				
C	6	8	*	34
Lab	*	1	-	4
L/Dem	-	*	-	-
NOC	12	9	5	*

†No overall control

With the results in for all 369 district councils affected by the vote on Thursday, a Press Association survey showed that the Conservatives had made a net loss of 890 seats. The Liberal Democrats had made 520 net gains and Labour 490. If the parties' share of the vote were repeated uniformly at a general election, there would be a hung parliament.

Mr Major yesterday described the results as disappointing, but bearable. He said in a television interview that there was a silver lining: Labour had peaked and could not win a general election. Labour should have had a commanding lead when the country was "bumping on at the bottom of a recession. We are on an upswing and I think they have peaked." He added that he was in no hurry to go to the country.

Ministers concede that the public requires more convincing that the economy is on the turn before an election can be risked, but they are also emphasising the degree of the Tory recovery since Labour's 20-point opinion poll leads a year ago. They point out that many Conservatives in the Commons today would not be there had centre parties proved capable of repeating local votes in general elections.

Michael Heseltine, Chris Patten and David Mellor also maintained that Labour had not made sufficient progress in Thursday's vote to develop an election-winning momentum. Mr Patten said: "They've blown it."

But Labour claimed to have exceeded its best hopes and to be on target for election victory. The party's campaign co-ordinator, Jack Cunningham, produced an analysis of 87 "battleground" marginal seats in which the share of the vote was Labour 43 per cent, Conservatives 37 per cent and Liberal Democrats 17 per cent, giving Labour a six-point lead. Dr Cunningham said that nationally, there was an 8 per cent swing from Conservative to Labour. That would be sufficient to put Mr Kinnock into Downing Street with a governing majority. The party went on to claim that the council results put them neck-and-neck with the Tories for the Monmouth by-election on May 16, the next key test of electoral opinion.

The Tories also offered an analysis of key marginals, which they said suggested a national share of the vote of Conservatives 38 per cent, labour 37 and Liberal Democrats 20. They pointed out that their share in a general election had always improved on their performance in local polls, and also took solace from their three-point lead in the BBC *Newsnight* programme's poll of polls, an average of recent opinion polls. In 1987, opinion polls proved a more accurate guide to the subsequent general election than the share of the vote won in local elections.

Paddy Ashdown, the Liberal Democrat leader, claimed the results as a stunning achievement for his party. Labour was back to the level it was before the 1983 election, in which it did dissastrously, he said.

Labour's Bryan Gould dismissed the centre party success as no more than a "good old Liberal surge causing problems in the Tory backyard" that would have little effect on Labour's chances. But as late results came in yesterday, the Liberal Democrats continued their run of success, gaining more seats than Labour and capturing control of more councils. They now have a total of 20.

In Wales, the Plaid Cymru MP Dafydd Wigley claimed that the results were the best for his party since 1976, with 16 net gains. Stuart Hughes, leader of the Raving Loony Green Giant Party, was elected as the first Loony district councillor in Britain, polling 865 votes to take a seat on East Devon council.

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Chris Patten: Labour "have blown it"



After the cyclone: Bangladeshis clutching their children as they make their way to dry land near Katubdia yesterday

Belgian bargains for the British car buyer

British consumers could buy new cars cheaply and have fun at a 'sales theme park' in Belgium. Kevin Eason writes

Car-buyers who believe British prices are too high are to be offered day trips to a £60-million "retail and theme park" in Belgium, where prices are among the lowest in Europe.

A British consortium aims to have all main brands of cars – left and right-hand drive – under one roof at the 60-acre site at Tournai. Customers will be able to test drive cars and drive the car away after completing the paperwork.

Prices will be much lower than in Britain. Belgium exercises tight price controls over cars. A basic Ford Fiesta 1.1 litre model has a pre-tax sticker price at the moment of £4,006, compared with £6,084 in Britain.

Anthony Browne, chairman of John D. Wood, international property consultants, said that the theme park plan was hatched by a group of businessmen who were "motoring literate" and were fed up with paying higher prices.

The Monopolies and Mergers Commission will rule in August whether British car prices are too high. The commission is expected to back consumer groups who claim that showrooms in Britain charge up to 50 per cent more than other European Community markets. The consortium is intending to have six huge showrooms operational within two years. Mr Browne said that manufacturers had expressed interest in the idea. There will also be a motoring museum and a motoring theme park with attractions such as racing car simulators.

Tournai stands in an ideal position on the Belgian-French border, at the junction of the autoroutes from the Channel ports, Brussels, Antwerp, Paris and Germany and near the main Lille railway station.

Planning permission has been given for the first phase of the Motorventura scheme

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Motorists defy the forecasts

By Staff Reporters

THOUSANDS of drivers headed into the sunset last night at the start of the bank holiday weekend, causing delays on most motorways heading out of London and almost certainly heading for more. There will certainly be holdups on the Severn Bridge, and in Scotland both the Forth and Tay road bridges will have lane closures for repair work.

Tourist attractions such as Woburn Abbey in Bedfordshire and Leeds Castle in Kent will also cause congestion, as will the myriad of special events planned for the weekend, ranging from sheepdog trials at Harrogate to a heavy horse parade near Portsmouth.

The sunny weather that heralded the weekend is unlikely to last. The London Weather Centre has forecast cold winds and patchy showers, giving way to much heavier rain.

More than a hundred superstores and DIY outlets vowed to open tomorrow after a victory in the High Court yesterday. Mr Justice Knox lifted injunctions on Woolworths stores in Plymouth, Milton Keynes, Norwich, Southend-on-Sea, Coventry, Greenwich and Rotherham. B&Q and the Co-op were also released from a ban on their stores in Exeter.

B&Q's challenge to the Sunday trading laws is due to be heard later this month in the House of Lords.

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Cyclone havoc swamps Dhaka's valiant efforts

From Christopher Thomas in Patenga, southern Bangladesh

THE relief effort under way in southern Bangladesh is pitifully inadequate. As 10-million homeless people waited in rain and wind-lashed surroundings, it was clear that help was going to take a long time to reach them. Starvation and disease are imminent in the worsening conditions.

The government officially estimated the death toll from Tuesday's cyclone at more than 100,000, with 60,000 of the victims around Chittagong in the southeast of the country. The figure may rise substantially when relief workers reach offshore islands which, viewed from the air, have been stripped bare of trees, houses and crops.

Two small Russian-made Antonov transport planes are all that Bangladesh possesses to ferry food from Dhaka, the capital, to Chittagong, where yesterday only two helicopters – a small American-made Bell and a bigger Russian-made MI8 – made sporadic trips to offshore islands.

They could find almost nowhere to land, so relief workers tossed out bread wrapped in plastic bags into the mud. They dropped one-gallon plastic containers of fresh water, which invariably burst on landing and created a frantic dash by islanders to retrieve what there was left.

Whenever the helicopters did attempt to land, people surged forward and the pilot immediately took off for fear of being mobbed by hungry, thirsty people desperate to escape to the mainland. Corpses could be seen floating in lakes of seawater and rotting animal carcases lay everywhere.

The two transport planes plied between Chittagong and Dhaka – a 40-minute flight – carrying five-ton loads of rice, water, molasses and water purification tablets. The weather worsened yesterday afternoon at Chittagong airport, and forced a suspension of flights. The crews were so exhausted from the 24-hour operation that Air Vice-Marshal Mumtaz Uddin Ahmed, the chief of the air staff, took stints at piloting a plane.

The only runway at Chittagong has suffered cracks from a tidal wave that had submerged it below 15 feet of salt water. Forty Chinese-made F6 supersonic fighters, which were grounded for repairs, were deluged. The receding waves dumped some of the planes practically on top of each other.

Bangladesh's valiant but plainly hopeless relief effort will continue until an international rescue operation is mounted. Hundreds of thousands of tons of food, clothing, water, tents and medicines are needed. The cyclone reduced almost the entire 500-mile coastal belt to rubble. As of last night, one Saudi Arabian plane had arrived with emergency supplies, and two more were said to be on the way.

Army helicopters – Bangladesh has a total of 14 and not all are operational – have been dropping tens of thou-

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£2m rugby scheme

By John Goodbody, sports news correspondent

THE England Rugby Union team yesterday intercepted any potential outside commercial interest in the promotion of their sport by announcing a £2 million scheme to encourage participation among young people, including national advertising.

The full committee of the Rugby Football Union, the governing body, has given its approval "in principle" to the move, which could, it is estimated, help the England players earn about £10,000 each over the next year from non-rugby related activities without contravening the international regulation forbidding payment for playing.

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Champagne society begins to lose its fizz



By Robin Young

THOSE who believe that the only true gauge of a nation's economic wellbeing lies in its consumption of champagne were wont to revel in the fact that champagne sales in Britain doubled during the Thatcher years.

The advent of John Major has changed that. British imports of champagne crashed by more than half in the first three months of this year, the first full quarter with Mr Major in the role of national bartender.

In the first quarter of 1990, shipments to the United Kingdom exceeded 4.21 million bottles. This year the quarterly figure fell so flat it barely reached two million. To put it starkly, that means nearly 2¼ million champagne events are destined not to happen. The Champagne Bureau, which represents the champagne industry in Britain, does not, of course, lay the blame at Mr Major's door, unbubbly denizen of the Happy Eater and champion of the classless society though he be.

Recession and the Gulf war, inevitably, are called to account. Penny Bool of the Champagne Bureau said yesterday: "Champagne is the wine of celebration and people were not celebrating while our boys were out in the Gulf."

She admitted, though, that shipment figures could be deceptive. They are not usually issued on a quarterly basis. "It is just that the first three months of this year were so highly unusual in world economic and combative terms," she said, "that it had an extraordinary effect on almost all of champagne's major markets."

Indeed, it is not only the British who are easing up on their cork-popping habits. Even the French ordered an eighth less in the first three months of this year than they did last year.

For the past decade Britain has been the biggest export market for champagne, save in 1981 and 1984 when our shipments were marginally smaller than those to the United States. Now the United States, which had slipped to third place, is on course to head the league once more. That is because in the first quarter of 1991 US shipments did no worse then continue to decline at the rate they had done in 1990 – just over 14 per cent.

By contrast the Swiss, who had risen to second place, have suffered a cut almost as severe as Britain's. The only big customers to buy more champagne this year have been the Germans. In their newly unified state they treated themselves to nearly an extra 3 per cent.

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Doctors told to bar NHS deals that back queue-jumping

By JILL SHERMAN, SOCIAL SERVICES CORRESPONDENT

HOSPITAL consultants have been told to block two-tier deals in the health service which allow patients to jump waiting lists.

The British Medical Association appealed to the country's 17,000 consultants yesterday not to co-operate with deals in which GP fund holders have demanded preferential treatment for their patients. Timing of operations should be decided on the basis of clinical priority alone. the association said.

The move came as Labour demanded a Commons statement on the health service after reports that a Hertfordshire hospital was allowing certain patients to queue jump. Earlier the technical and scientific union MSF launched a national campaign to fight compulsory redundancies flowing from the reforms. Standing on the steps of Guy's hospital, where 600 job losses were announced last week, union representatives said that strike action could not be ruled out.

Watford general hospital has drawn up contracts with two fund-holding practices in Hertfordshire pledging to see patients for an outpatient appointment within six weeks and to admit them for treatment within 13 weeks. Patients referred from other GPs in the area have to wait an average of 20 weeks for treatment.

Consultants at Watford have been told that the hospital can afford to reopen closed wards in the surgical unit only if it agrees to the deal from the two practices. About 70 surgical beds have been closed in the past two years, effectively restricting admissions to emergencies only.

Managers at the hospital, admitting that that they have introduced a two-tier service, have given a warning that if they lose patients from the two practices to other hospitals they will lose £1.5 million worth of business and have to cut services back further.

Peter O'Connor, a GP fund holder whose practice in Rickmansworth has drawn up an £800,000 contract with Watford General, said that if the hospital reneged on the contract terms he would send his patients elsewhere. The practice has secured similar terms with Northwick Park hospital, Harrow, he said.

Bob Mackenney, consultant orthopaedic surgeon at Watford General, said that he and his colleagues had been put in an impossible situation. They had been asked to condone a deal which was unethical and unjustifiable. "However, if I take a patient where the fund holder pays and the money allows me to treat two more, then I have to accept it."

Simon Cox, consultant general surgeon, said he would refuse to co-operate with the deal. Patients would be treated on clinical judgment alone, he said.

Barbara Jeffs, consumer affairs manager, admitted that at present the hospital would not be able to fulfil the contracts it had drawn up with GPs because of bed shortages. The hospital was trying to get some money set aside to tackle waiting lists.

JOHN PAUL



Model justice: Lord Mackay of Clashfern, the Lord Chancellor, peering over the shoulder of an ancient colleague yesterday at the re-enactment of a trial at the 18th-century courthouse at Cromarty, Highland, which has been restored as a museum. At the formal opening Lord Mackay joined animated model figures depicting the trial of Anne Hossack, who was accused of stealing flax and hemp 200 years ago. The centrepiece of the display shows her being sentenced to seven years' exile.

Britons' longer working lives

By TIM JONES

BRITISH men work about 10,000 hours, or nearly six years, more than than French men, mainly because of differences in retirement ages, according to a report to be published next week.

The report, by Industrial Relations Services, shows that employees in the UK are in the bottom half of the European league table in terms of hours of work and paid holidays. The report says British workers also have one of the lowest levels of statutory protection in areas such as night work, rest periods and weekend work.

With chemical industry unions threatening a series of strikes after the refusal of employers to reduce hours, the survey shows the Danes, on 37 hours, have the shortest working week, and the UK, on 38.5 hours, in eighth place.

The findings will increase the determination of the Amalgamated Engineering Union to achieve a 35-hour week for its members. Its two-year campaign resulted in 1,425 agreements, covering more than 600,000 workers, reducing the working week from 39 to 37 hours.

Deducting paid annual leave and public holidays, a "normal" British employee works 229 days a year, with only the Irish, on 231 days, working more. The shortest year, 220 days, is worked by the West Germans.

The British also do badly when it comes to public holidays, with just eight days off in England and Wales, the lowest in the EC. Workers in Belgium enjoy 13.5 days off.

Figures for the number of normal hours worked a year show the Danes spend least time at work, 1,665 hours compared with the Swiss, who put in 1,907 hours. The UK is tenth on 1,763 hours.

Of the 17 countries examined, only the UK and Denmark place no statutory restrictions on the normal number of hours a person can be asked to work each week.

Rate fails to move houses

HOUSE price figures for April, showing marginal variations from the March levels, provide no evidence of any recovery despite interest rate reductions since last October and an increase in the volume of mortgage lending (Christopher Warman writes).

The *Halifax Building Society*, in its monthly survey published yesterday, says that prices increased slightly, by 0.2 per cent, in April compared with a monthly rise of 0.9 per cent in March, leaving the annual rate of house price inflation at 1.1 per cent. There has been some evidence of a recovery in activity but this is not feeding through to house prices.

Paisley sets out conditions for talks

THE Rev Ian Paisley, leader of the Democratic Unionist party, yesterday indicated the conditions he considers must be met if the talks on the political future of Northern Ireland are to succeed (Tim Jones writes).

As part of the process, which will continue next Tuesday when all the constitutional political parties sit down together for the first time in 16 years, Mr Paisley and James Molyneaux, leader of the Ulster Unionist party, met Peter Brooke, secretary of state for the province.

Mr Paisley said he wanted to achieve from the ten weeks of negotiations an ending of the Anglo-Irish agreement and a commitment from Dublin that the republic would drop its constitutional claim over Northern Ireland. "Unionist leaders dare not flinch from their responsibilities." The people of Northern Ireland must be given the final say on how they want to be governed and any new structures that the politicians may agree.

Mr Brooke met the SDLP and Alliance parties on Tuesday to hear their views. The Dublin government is expected to be brought in by mid-June to discuss relations between north and south and between London and Dublin.

1,000 TV licence dodgers a day

Television licence dodgers are being tracked down at a record rate of more than 1,000 a day, the Post Office said yesterday. A total of 373,000 were discovered in the past 12 months – 50,000 more than the previous year's record figure.

It is estimated, however, that 1.8 million households are still watching television without a licence. The licence costs £77 for a colour set or £25 for a black-and-white one.

Spending ideas

Public spending increases on politically sensitive items such as health and education were signalled yesterday by David Mellor, chief secretary to the Treasury. A day after he briefed the cabinet on the nation's finances, Mr Mellor said that the events of the past decade showed that it was possible to increase dramatically spending on key budgets while keeping a firm grip on overall public expenditure.

Curriculum cost

Government grants available to state schools for training and special projects to meet the needs of the national curriculum have risen by only £13 million, well below the rate of inflation. Local authorities will be able to seek a share of £377 million in 1992-3, up from £364 million in 1991-2, Kenneth Clarke, the education secretary, said yesterday that £14 million would be available for teacher appraisal.

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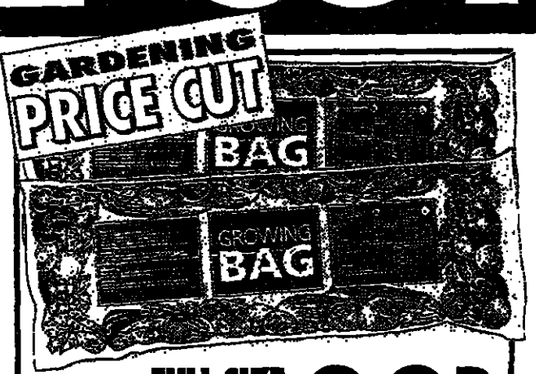
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Revenge of the tail-less rabbits

By KERRY GILL

RABBITS have not had an easy time on Shetland. They have been eaten, infected with disease, bombed by the Nazis and are now being hunted for bounty. But it appears that they are fighting back.

For the past 12 months the islands' council has been trying to curb the rabbit population by offering 25p for every tail that hunters can produce. The scheme has led to the death of more than 11,000 rabbits and has saved acres of grass, cabbages and turnips from their voracious appetite.

In the past few weeks, however, a mutant strain of rabbit has appeared in the south of Shetland with no tail. No tail, no cash.

No one knows how the mutant, tail-less rabbits evolved. The adaptation emerged as the council approved the bounty scheme for another year. The problem will be worsened by a four-month ban on hunting the animals, ending in September, which was introduced to avoid does being shot and leaving sucklings to starve.

Yesterday, Harold Sutherland, who has bagged between 500 and 600 rabbits, told of his surprise at finding the mutants. "I found that five or six rabbits I had shot had no tail at all. Others must have discovered the same thing. We have had myxomatosis on Shetland but after about four or five years the population started to grow again. By the end of the close season there will be at least four times the rabbits."

With each cartridge costing about 12p, Mr Sutherland can make a decent profit on his pastime. One of his friends, who has used a .22 rifle to shoot about 1,000 rabbits, has made an even greater profit as his bullets cost only about 2p each.

"The bounty is expected to go up to 35p, as long as we have a tail to prove they have been shot. Without a tail I am not sure what we'll do," Mr Sutherland said.

The biological hiccup might have been in gestation since the rabbits' rudest shock of all, when some of their ancestors became the first British casualties of Nazi bombing at the start of the second world war.

The Germans attacked the old Catalina flying boat base at Sullom Voe. Afterwards it was found that three rabbits grazing nearby had died in the attack. The incident was made famous by the wartime song *Run rabbit, run rabbit, run, run, run*. The song has found renewed popularity on Shetland.

Deborah Nickson, of Glasgow's veterinary school, said: "This is the first time that I have heard of a rabbit without a tail, but I don't see why they shouldn't exist. The Manx cat, with no tail, evolved, and there is a Japanese cat with almost no tail." Martin Gibbons, assistant curator of Edinburgh zoo, said he might add a couple of the rabbits to the zoo collection.

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Friends who shared house with Rachel McLean express their shock

Police defend time taken to find body of Oxford student

By STEWART TENDLER, CRIME CORRESPONDENT

ONE of Britain's most senior Home Office pathologists yesterday began a post-mortem examination on Rachel McLean, the Oxford undergraduate whose body was found hidden beneath the floor of her lodgings on Thursday, 18 days after she had gone missing.

Dr Ian West, who has been involved in investigating serious terrorist incidents and other celebrated cases, began the examination as Miss McLean's boyfriend, John Tanner, was taken from Nottingham to Oxford's main police station.

Mr Tanner, aged 22, a New Zealand student at Nottingham university, was to be interviewed by Det Supt John Bound, who is in charge of the case. Mr Tanner was arrested on Thursday evening after police began stripping Miss McLean's home in Argyle Street, in the Cowley area of Oxford, and discovered the body.

Yesterday, Thames Valley police defended the time taken to find the body of Miss McLean, who was missing since April 15. The force said criticisms were not justified. In a brief statement the force said the case was most unusual and "in some ways unique, and when all the facts become known the exceptional circumstances will be very apparent".

Miss McLean, aged 19, was last heard of by her family on April 14 when she telephoned a relative from Oxford. The next day, according to Mr Tanner, he left the city by train to return to Nottingham and was seen off by Miss McLean. As they were waiting for the train the couple were joined by another man who appeared to know Miss McLean and offered her a lift.

Clothing Miss McLean was said to be wearing was later found in her room. There was no other sign of her and the window had been left open.

Miss McLean's disappearance, reported on April 20, was at first treated as a missing person incident. On April 25, Mr Bound took over and police called at every house in Argyle Street and began a search of the area.

On April 29, a reconstruction of events at Oxford railway station was organised by police with the help of Mr Tanner. Police had already examined Miss McLean's home and when the reconstruction failed to produce any new information they decided to strip the house.

They removed wall and bath panels and loosened floorboards. The body was found under the ground floor of the small house and may have been in a partial basement running beneath the house.

Yesterday the *Evening Standard* in London published an interview with Miss McLean's parents, conducted just before the discovery of the body. Joan McLean said Mr Tanner used to visit the family in Blackpool on occasion, including Christmas eve, and the couple had talked about marriage.

"He was welcome if Rachel was here. I think she was very fond of him. She mentioned that he wanted to get engaged but she wasn't really ready," Mrs McLean said. "As far as we knew they got on extremely well together and it seemed an extremely good relationship. When I took her back to college, two days before she went missing, she said she was very fond of him but that she was not sure about settling down," Mrs McLean added.

"She was fond of him and I respected her choice in that sense but I felt that until I knew him an awful lot better I couldn't commit myself one way or the other."

At St Hilda's in Oxford, Miss McLean's college, flags were flown at half-mast and Elizabeth Llewellyn-Smith, the principal, planned a meeting of all undergraduates. The college is likely to hold a memorial service later.

In a statement Miss Llewellyn-Smith said: "The college is shocked and saddened by the news of Rachel's death and the distressing circumstances. Rachel was a lovely person, a real contributor. The college will miss her very much indeed. Our hearts go out to her parents and friends."

The four students who shared the house with Miss McLean left before the police search began and were reported to be distressed by the time taken to find the body. Sarah Heaume, aged 19, Jo Formby, 20, Margaret Smith, 20, and Victoria Clare, 20, have left Oxford for the time being and are said to have decided they will not return to the house. They are all second-year history students and have left Oxford to recover.

They stayed at St Hilda's on Thursday night, where they told friends of the discovery of the body. One student, who refused to be named, said: "The girls were just in a daze. They were struggling to come to terms with the fact they had been in the house for all that time with Rachel's body. It will take them some time for them to recover. We all feel for them very deeply."



Rachel McLean: not sure – about settling down



Jo Formby, Margaret Smith and Sarah Heaume outside the house they shared with Miss McLean

Plastic pancreas could give hope to diabetics

By NICK NUTTALL, TECHNOLOGY CORRESPONDENT

A PERMANENT treatment could be on the way for Britain's more than one million diabetes victims after successful trials of an artificial pancreas.

The disc-shaped plastic device has successfully regulated the blood sugar levels of diabetic laboratory animals, keeping them healthy for over five months without the need for injections.

Researchers expect human trials to begin in two years, with the two-ounce device possibly approved for use by 1996. More than 250,000 of Britain's diabetics take daily injections to stay alive.

The disease is caused by the body's immune system turning on cells in the pancreas called the Islets of Langerhans, which produce insulin in response to rising blood sugar levels.

British scientists have transplanted human islets into the livers of laboratory animals with promising results. But this technique requires the use of drugs to suppress the body's defence systems.

In the new device, an advanced membrane lets blood molecules into a chamber to nourish dog or cattle islet cells held inside. Those produce insulin, in direct response to sugar levels, which is discharged back into the blood. The membrane restricts the passage of the immune defence cells, which would swiftly destroy the alien islet cells.

"Since the membrane blocks the possibility of immune rejection, we can use animal islets in humans," said Dr William Chick, of BioHybrid Technologies, a company based in Shrewsbury, Massachusetts, who have co-developed the device.

The plastic pancreas has been undergoing trials at Harvard University Medical School. Details of the research were published yesterday in the journal *Science*.

Surgeons expect the artificial organ to be implanted under the skin of the lower abdomen, where it would be attached to an artery and a vein.

Safety chiefs to launch enquiry into train deaths

An average of 17 people die each year falling from moving trains, and the government has ordered an enquiry into why train doors burst open, **David Young** reports

THE government has ordered an independent investigation into why doors on InterCity trains travelling at high speed have burst open, causing the deaths of several passengers over the years.

The enquiry has been ordered after the death on Sunday of a man aged 22, who fell from a Euston to Glasgow InterCity express shortly after it left Nuneaton in Warwickshire. The train was heading for Tamworth in Staffordshire, where there have been a number of similar incidents in the past few years.

Between 1972 and last year, 324 people were killed falling from moving trains, an average of 17 a year, and relatives have been pressing for a formal investigation.

The Health and Safety Executive's railway inspectorate will carry out the investigation, and the findings will be made public before the end of the year. Government scientists at Harwell, Oxfordshire, who used a computer model to investigate the cause of the King's Cross underground fire three years ago, will help the inspectorate.

Dr John Cullen, chairman of the Health and Safety Commission, which called for the investigation, said: "Whether or not the door mechanisms are contributing to these accidents, it is clearly necessary to get to the bottom of the matter and allay public anxiety."

Dr Cullen said that Malcolm Rifkind, the transport secretary, had expressed concern over the accidents. "I shall be reporting to him the executive's findings and the commission's views. British Rail have told us they are as anxious as we are that a thorough and independent investigation should be carried out," Dr Cullen said.

British Rail said yesterday that it welcomed the enquiry and emphasised that Knight Wendling, engineering consultants, had "validated" the design, installation and maintenance of the door mechanisms. The consultants' report also made seven recommendations for action or investigation.

BR said that it had made "significant progress" in implementing five of the recommendations, and would co-operate fully with the railway inspectorate's statistical study of train door accidents and computer simulation of possible door mechanism failures.

However, the consultants' report said that in 60 per cent of the 19 fatal incidents investigated, no cause could be established. The report also said that there was police evidence that a door that was apparently closed had opened of its own accord and that no satisfactory explanation had been given.

John Prescott, Labour transport spokesman, said: "The decision is a triumph for public pressure, common sense and justice. I am delighted that our long campaign has finally succeeded in getting an independent investigation."

Relatives and solicitors of the families of some of those killed also welcomed the enquiry. John Morton, of Liverpool, whose 25-year-old son John died when he fell from a train door near Tamworth in August, said: "It is too late for my son, but it may save someone else. It has taken people dying to come to this stage."



Cullen: wants to allay public's anxiety

According to incidents reported to the Health and Safety Executive, 31 passengers died falling from moving trains in 1979 and a further 41 were injured in similar accidents.

Figures for the following ten years were:
1980, 14 deaths, 35 injuries;
1981, 16 deaths, 44 injuries;
1982, 11 deaths, 44 injuries;
1983, 13 deaths, 62 injuries;
1984, 14 deaths, 68 injuries;
1985, 16 deaths, 50 injuries;
1986, 12 deaths, 49 injuries;
1987, 26 deaths, 44 injuries;
1988, 19 deaths, 45 injuries;
1989, 19 deaths, 28 injuries.

The provisional figure for deaths last year is 17. The figures do not include suicides.

Jury told of tension in cockpit

THE jury who will decide whether the British Airways captain whose plane skimmed buildings close to Heathrow airport is guilty of criminal negligence were yesterday asked to put themselves in the cockpit and imagine the pressures which build up on a pilot as he comes in to land (Harvey Elliott writes).

"You are in the dark coming down with cloud all around you – the instruments, the radio communications – it is a very tense place," Patrick Phillips, QC, defending Captain William Glen Stewart, said. Summing up for the defence at Isleworth crown court, west London, Mr Phillips reminded the jury that the autopilot on the Boeing 747 had not been working properly. Judge Bathurst-Norman will begin his summing-up on Tuesday.

Jilted fiancée says gang shot her rival

A JILTED fiancée told a jury yesterday that three men shot dead her love rival as she stood terrified near by.

Yvonne Sleightholme told Leeds crown court that she had stayed silent about the murder for months because the men threatened to kill members of her family. Sleightholme denies murdering Jayne Smith, aged 29, wife of her former fiancé, in 1988.

Sleightholme, aged 38, who is now blind, said she had gone to meet William Smith at his North Yorkshire farm, but had been held captive by three men who had struck when his wife arrived. One had said: "If you tell anyone you have been here, we will kill your sister and her two little girls."

The trial of Sleightholme, from Seamer, near Scarborough, North Yorkshire, resumes on Tuesday.

Bishop says Christ will never return

By RUTH GLEDHILL, RELIGIOUS AFFAIRS CORRESPONDENT

THE Bishop of Durham said yesterday that he did not believe Christ would return to earth in person. The "notion of somebody descending in clouds, and so on, is not to be taken literally", Dr David Jenkins said on BBC local radio.

The bishop, whose liberal theology has ensured him a permanent place under the media spotlight, said that the imagery of the end of the world was symbolic. He was speaking the day after BBC Books published *Free to Believe*, co-authored with his daughter Rebecca.

Public interest in Dr Jenkins, and the skill with which the book has been marketed, are expected to guarantee sales. Dr Jenkins last night defended commercial practice as a viable means of putting over the message of the Gospel. His book marks an upturn in the religious publishing industry, now embracing mammon with evangelical fervour. Religious publishers are meeting next week to finalise a statistics scheme for the industry, now worth between £50 and £80 million a year. Of 60,000 new titles published each year, 2,500 are religious, but there is no accurate picture of sales.

Preliminary research by Book Marketing shows that the number of religious titles published rose 60 per cent in eight years, one-and-a-half times the rate for the whole book trade, while the number of sales has fallen. According to the report, for the Religious Books Group, more than half the population has a bible. The Publishers' Association says radio publicity is particularly helpful to book sales.

The BBC denied partisan treatment. The bishop had done many interviews about his book with independent radio stations and the interview with BBC Radio Newcastle yesterday was not about his book but in reference to David Icke, the former sports presenter, who has claimed to be the son of God.

The bishop and his daughter were also unrepentant. Dr Jenkins realises that one hazard of the job is the oversimplistic interpretation of his complex eschatology (the branch of theology concerned with the end of the world). Rebecca said: "He knows there are risks about talking to the press but he also thinks he has got to talk about the faith in all the forums of the modern world."

Dr Jenkins said: "I am doing this because the issues have got to be faced and pursued." Now the book is out, at least he can refer people to that, he said. He saw no harm in using a commercial transaction to gain wider publicity for the gospel.

Legal blow to child bride's plea

By DAVID YOUNG

ZANA Muhsen, who is suing her father for false imprisonment in a civil case, claiming he sold her and her sister Nadia as child brides to two Yemeni villagers 11 years ago, has suffered a setback in her long-running legal battle.

She is seeking damages after judgment by default was granted to her last July when her father, Muthana Muhsen, failed to contest the case. However, at a High Court hearing in Birmingham yesterday, Judge Singleton adjourned the case to allow Mr Muhsen to apply for the judgment to be set aside. If his application succeeds, any decision to award damages will depend on the result of a full hearing, which could take another 12 months to come to court.



Zana Muhsen: will fight the case to the end

The move to adjourn the case was strongly opposed by Miss Muhsen's solicitor, Miss Dorothy Seddon, who said the delay in resolving the case could affect her client's memory of events in Yemen.

Miss Muhsen, aged 26, from King's Heath, Birmingham, said after the hearing that she would fight the case to the end and would continue to ask the Foreign Office to put pressure on the government of Yemen to allow her to be reunited with her sister, who is still there.

Child killer detained in hospital

A woman who killed her four children last year in the hope that they would go to Heaven was given indefinite detention in a mental hospital yesterday after Chelmsford crown court was told she could kill again.

Oi Tai Ngai, aged 33, of Basildon, Essex, who admitted manslaughter, was ordered to be kept at Rampton hospital, Nottinghamshire. Kishore Seewoonarian, a consultant psychiatrist, told the court that Ngai felt she should end the lives of frail, elderly, sick or ugly people in distress.

Retrial ordered

Douglas Henderson, captain of the dredger Bowbelle, is to face a retrial in the Marchioness riverboat disaster case, in which he denies endangering life, the Recorder of London, Judge Lawrence Verney, ruled yesterday.

Damages won

Eileen Matthews, of Catford, southeast London, and her six children won £149,250 in agreed damages from British Railways Board in the High Court yesterday over the death of her train driver husband in a crash in 1989.

Protester jailed

Paul Monaghan, aged 42, who is confined to a wheelchair, was jailed for ten days by magistrates at Taunton, Somerset, for refusing to pay parking fines in a protest at poor facilities for the disabled.

Players hurt

Two footballers, Nicholas Bailey, aged 19, and Paul Clarke, aged 18, were hurt when a stolen car hit them after being driven across their pitch at Atherstone in Warwickshire.

Bright idea

Mike Robertson, owner of the Trago Mills group of stores in Devon and Cornwall, has said shoplifters' hair should be dyed bright blue as a cheaper alternative to jail terms.

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Norman Fowler, in The Sunday Times tomorrow



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Lasting legacy of the poll tax blamed for Conservative losses

By ROBIN OAKLEY AND NICHOLAS WOOD

CHRIS Patten, the Tory party chairman, has promised never again to use the word "gobsmacked". However, as the parties squabbled yesterday over the meaning of the local elections there was no doubt that he was.

The Tories had adjusted to an expected loss of 400-500 seats to Labour, expecting they would win some back from the Liberal Democrats to compensate. They had not allowed for the upsurge of Paddy Ashdown's party on top of its 450-plus gains in 1987. "We saw no smoke signals," one minister said.

Mr Patten reckons that the Tories and Labour will have to think about "localising" their council election campaigns in future. The Tories believe that the electorate, while preferring the council tax to the poll tax, was still in a mood to kick them for thinking of the community charge in the first place. They concede that they were handicapped by not being able to get the first bills under the new tax out in time for the elections. Party strategists believe that the electorate, disillusioned over two years, needs more money jingling in its pockets before it is prepared to move from substantial disenchantment to forgiveness.

John Cunningham, Labour's campaign co-ordinator, and Bryan Gould, environment spokesman, sipping champagne, branded the Tory losses a "devastating defeat" and attempted to shrug off the Liberal Democrats with faint praise, admitting that they had done well in target areas but playing down the national significance of their advance.

"While we were winning in the major towns and cities, the Liberals were winning in small rural boroughs, which do not have the same consequences for parliamentary victories," Dr Cunningham said. "This is just like the old Liberal party having a little flourish in rock-solid Tory seats. The Liberals would not make many parliamentary gains on the basis of their performance yesterday."

The Liberal Democrats argued that their attention to local factors had helped them to their surprise success. If it was that, then it works against their claim that they can go on from here to greater success in the general election: that election will not be fought on local issues and Mr Ashdown conceded yesterday that you could not win a general election on community politics.

With the flag bearing Gladstone's arms hoisted at the National Liberal Club to mark a significant moment in the party's political history, they insisted that it was all about momentum. The Tories were in decline, Labour was stuck on a voting plateau and they were moving forward. Well, at least until the Monmouth by-election on May 16.

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Bubbling over: champagne smiles from Labour's John Cunningham and Bryan Gould at a press conference in London yesterday

Essex man swings towards Tories in overspent Basildon

By JOHN YOUNG

THE palatial post-modernist Basildon council offices and adjoining Towngate theatre stand on the edge of the shopping centre. Opposite is a collection of decrepit prefabricated buildings where a number of council officials still work because there is no room for them in the new building.

A symbol of local government extravagance and overmanning? Not according to a Nalgo notice inside the foyer urging people to sign a petition to Michael Heseltine, the environment secretary, complaining about drastic cuts in services. On Thursday Basildon bucked the national trend when the Conservatives gained two seats from Labour and one from the Liberal Democrats. Labour retains control by the casting vote of its leader, Peter Ballard.

With a population of 150,000 and situated in the middle of the corridor from east London to Southend-on-Sea, Basildon and its satellite towns of Billericay and Wickford could be described as the spiritual home of Essex Man. A former new town, its housing estates, dual carriageways, parks and planners' open spaces sprawl around the usual unlovely cluster of 1960s and 1970s shops and office blocks. Although the development corporation was wound up five years ago, much of the town is still owned by the Commission for the New Towns, a source of grievance to councillors. Significantly on Thursday, despite a record 48.2 per cent turnout, voting was much lower in the new town area, a Labour stronghold, than in the more obviously prosperous outlying areas.

Vic York, a former leader of the Conservative group on the council, has no doubt why the vote went against Labour. They were, he said, guilty of irresponsible overspending and had tried to lay the blame at the government's door. As an indication of the size of the swing, he had a majority of 825 in his Laindon ward, "a luxury that no one has ever heard of before. The Labour party's wounds are self-inflicted and they are now licking them."

Mr Ballard cheerfully insisted that Labour was still in control. Canvassing had shown that the man in the street was disillusioned with the way that the government had treated the council. It had been capped for two years running. But if people were disillusioned, why had they swung to the Tories?

Not too convincingly, Mr Ballard replied that they thought the government was determined to shut down their swimming pools, tennis clubs, theatre and all other facilities, whatever the local authority did.

Classified round-up of results from Thursday's local council elections

METROPOLITAN DISTRICTS

BARNSLEY: Lab no change. Lab 20, Ind 1, C 1. New council: Lab 82, C 2, Ind 2.

BIRMINGHAM: Lab no change. Lab 18, C 18, L/Dem 5. Lab gain 3 from C. L/Dem gain 2 from C. New council: Lab 71, C 32, L/Dem 12, Ind 2.

BOLTON: Lab no change. C 6, Lab 12, L/Dem 1, Ind/Lab 1. Ind Lab gain 1 from Lab. New council: Lab 42, C 14, L/Dem 3, Ind Lab 1.

BRADFORD: Lab no change. Lab 16, C 11, L/Dem 1. Lab gain 6 from C. C gain 1 from L/Dem. L/Dem gain 1 from C. New council: Lab 53, C 35, L/Dem 2.

BURY: Lab no change. C 11, Lib 5. L/Dem gain 1 from C. Lab gain 1 from C. New council: Lab 29, C 18, L/Dem 1.

CALDERDALE: Lab no change. Lab 8, C 8, L/Dem 2. C gain 2 from Lab. Lab gain 1 from C. New council: Lab 28, C 21, L/Dem 5.

COVENTRY: Lab no change. Lab 15, C 3. Lab gain 1 from C and 1 from L/Dem. New council: Lab 46, C 8.

DONCASTER: Lab no change. Lab 18, C 3. New council: Lab 55, C 8.

DUDLEY: Lab no change. C 13, Lab 11. Lab gain 3 from C. New council: Lab 43, C 29.

GATESHEAD: Lab no change. Lab 19, L/Dem 2, C 1. L/Dem gain 1 from C. New council: Lab 60, C 1, L/Dem 5.

KIRKLEES: Lab no change. Lab 12, C 6, L/Dem 6. Lab gain 1 from L/Dem and 2 from C. New council: Lab 47, C 12, L/Dem 11, Ind 2.

KNOWSLEY: Lab no change. Lab 23, C 1. New council: Lab 62, C 3, Ind Lab 1.

LEEDS: Lab no change. C 7, Lab 22, L/Dem 4. Lab gain 1 from C and 1 from L/Dem. C gain 1 from L/Dem. New council: Lab 66, C 21, L/Dem 9, Ind 1.

LIVERPOOL: Lab no change. Lab 14, L/Dem 13, Broad Lab 5, SDP 1. Broad Lab gain 5 from Lab. Lab gain 1 from L/Dem. New council: Lab 52, L/Dem 27, Broad Lab 5, C 2, Liberal 1, SDP 1, vacant 1.

MANCHESTER: Lab no change. Lab 27, L/Dem 5, C 2. Lab gain 7 from C. L/Dem gain 1 from Lab. New council: Lab 85, L/Dem 9, C 3.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE: Lab no change. Lab 50, C3, L/Dem 2. Lab gain 1 from SDP. New council: Lab 64, L/Dem 10, C 4.

NORTH TYNESIDE: Lab no change. Lab 12, C 5, L/Dem 3. Lab gain 1 from L/Dem. L/Dem gain 1 from Lab. New council: Lab 38, C 16, L/Dem 5, Ind 2.

OLDHAM: Lab no change. Lab 11, L/Dem 7, C 2. L/Dem gain 2 from Lab and 1 from C. Lab gain 1 from C. New council: Lab 41, L/Dem 17, C 2.

ROCHDALE: Lab no change. C 5, Lab 9, L/Dem 8. L/Dem gain 2 from Lab. C gain 1 from Lab. New council: Lab 33, L/Dem 15, C 12.

ROTHERHAM: Lab no change. Lab 22, C 1. Lab gain 1 from Ind. New council: Lab 65, C 1.

SALFORD: Lab No change. L 17, C 3. Lab gain 1 from C. New council: Lab 56, C 4.

SANDWELL: Lab no change. Lab 15, C 7, L/Dem 3. C gain 4 from Lab. L/Dem gain 2 from Lab and 1 from C. Lab gain 1 from C. New council: Lab 59, C 16, L/Dem 6.

SEFTON: NOC no change. L/Dem 8, C 7, Lab 8. L/Dem gain 2 from C. New council: C 22, Lab 27, L/Dem 20.

SHEFFIELD: Lab no change. C 4, Lab 23, L/Dem 3. Lab gain 2 from L/Dem. L/Dem gain 1 from C. C gain 1 from Lab. New council: Lab 76, C 11, L/Dem 6.

SOLIHULL: C loss to NOC. C 8, Lab 5, L/Dem 2, Ind 2. Lab gain 1 from C. Ind R gain 1 from C. L/Dem gain 1 from C. New council: C 23, Lab 18, L/Dem 8, Ind R 6.

SOUTH TYNESIDE: Lab no change. Lab 18, L/Dem 1, Ind 1. L/Dem gain 1 from C. Ind gain 1 from Lab. New council: Lab 58, L/Dem 2, Ind 1, C 1.

ST HELENS: Lab no change. Lab 10, L/Dem 7, C 2. Lab gain 1 from C. L/Dem gain 5 from Lab. New council: C 5, Lab 34, L/Dem 15.

STOCKPORT: NOC no change. L/Dem 11, C 5, Lab 4, Ind 1. L/Dem gain 1 from Lab. Lab gain 1 from C. New council: L/Dem 25, C 17, Lab 17, Ind 3, vacant 1.

SUNDERLAND: Lab no change. Lab 21, C 3, L/Ind 1. New council: Lab 64, C 8, L/Dem 2, L/Ind 1.

TAMESIDE: Lab no change. Lab 17, C 2. Lab gain 2 from C and 2 from L/Dem. New council: Lab 52, C 4, vacant 1.

TRAFFORD: C no change. C 12, Lab 7, L/Dem 2. Lab gain 1 from C. L/Dem gain 2 from C. New council: C 34, Lab 25, L/Dem 3, Ind Lab 1.

WAKEFIELD: Lab no change. C 1, Lab 19, Ind Lab 1. Lab gain 1 from L/Dem. New council: C 3, Lab 59, Ind Lab 1.

WALSALL: No change from Lab. Lab 7, C 7, L/Dem 4, Ind 2. Ind gain 1 from Lab. L/Dem gain 1 from C. New council: Lab 33, C 17, L/Dem 8, Ind 2.

WIGAN: Lab no change. Lab 18, L/Dem 4, C 1, Ind 1. L/Dem gain 2 from Lab. Lab gain 1 from L/Dem. New council: Lab 83, L/Dem 6, C 1.

WIRRAL: Lab gain from NOC. C 11, Lab 7, L/Dem 3. Lab gain 1 from Ind/Lab and 1 from C. C gain 1 from Lab and 1 from L/Dem. New council: Lab 54, C 24, L/Dem 7, Ind 1.

WOLVERHAMPTON: Lab no change. C 11 Lab 9, L/Dem 1. Lab gain 2 from C, 1 from L/Dem and 1 from L/Dem. New council: Lab 35, C 22, L/Dem 3.

NON-METROPOLITAN DISTRICTS

ADUR: L/Dem no change. C 8, L/Dem 7. New council: L/Dem 22, C 14, Ind 2, Lab 1.

ALLERDALE: Lab gain from NOC. Lab gain 4 from Ind and 2 from C. L/Dem gain 1 from C and 1 from Ind. C gain 2 from Ind. New council: Lab 31, C 11, Ind 11, L/Dem 2.

ALNWICK: L/Dem gain from NOC. C gain 4 from Ind, L/Dem gain 2 from Ind. New council: L/Dem 15, C 7, Ind 5, Lab 2.

AMBER VALLEY: Lab gain from C. Ind 1, C 9, Lab 6, Lab gain 5 from C. C gain one from Lab. New council: C 18, Lab 22, Ind 3.

ARUN: C no change. Lab gain 6 from C, L/Dem gain 5 from C. Ind gain 2 from C. C gain 1 from L/Dem. New council: C 36, Lab 11, Lab 7, Ind 2.

ASHFIELD: Lab no change. Lab gain 3 from C and 2 from L/Dem. New council: Lab 32, C 1.

ASHFORD: C no change. L/Dem gain 2 from C. New council: C 28, L/Dem 11, Lab 7, Ind 1, Liberal 1.

AYLESBURY VALE: C loss to NOC. L/Dem gain 8 from C, 2 from Lab, 1 from Ind and 1 from R. New council: C 29, L/Dem 22, Lab 1, Ind 6.

BABERGH: NOC no change. Lab gain 2 from C, 1 from Ind. L/Dem gain 1 from C. C gain 1 from L/Dem, 1 from Ind. New council: Ind 16, C15, Lab 6, L/Dem 5, .

BARROW-IN-FURNESS: Lab loss to NOC. C 8, Lab 4, Ind 1. C gain 2 from Lab. New council: C 17, Lab 19, Ind 2.

BASILDON: Lab loss to NOC. C 7, Lab 5, L/Dem 2. C gain 2 from Lab and 1 from L/Dem. New council: Lab 21, C 17, L/Dem 4.

BASINGSTOKE & DEANE: C no change. C 12, L/Dem 5, Lab 5. Lab gain 1 from C. L/Dem gain 1 from C. New council: C 30, Lab 14, L/Dem 12, Ind 3.

BASSETLAW: Lab no change. C 6, Lab 9, Ind 1, Ind Lab 1. New council: Lab 29, C 15, Ind 3, Ind Lab 2, L/Dem 1.

BATH: NOC no change. C 9, L/Dem 7, Lab 1. L/Dem gain 1 from Lab. New council: C 24, L/Dem 13, Lab 11.

BERWICK-UPON-TWEED: NOC no change. C gain 2 from L/Dem. L/Dem gain 1 from Ind. Ind gain 2 from L/Dem and 1 from C. C gain 1 from Ind. New council: L/Dem 11, Ind 9, C 7, Lab 1.

BEVERLEY: C no change. L/Dem gain 5 from C. C gain 1 from Ind. New council: C 32, L/Dem 18, Lab 2, Ind 1.

BLABY: C no change. C gain 1 from Ind and 1 from L/Dem. L/Dem gain 2 from C. Lab gain 1 from C. New council: C 31, L/Dem 4, Lab 1, Ind 3.

BLACKBURN: Lab no change. Lab 19, C 8, L/Dem 1. Lab gain 2 from C and 2 from L/Dem. New council: Lab 40, C 17, L/Dem 3.

BLACKPOOL: Lab gain from NOC. Lab gain 8 from C, 2 from L/Dem and 1 from Ind. L/Dem gain 1 from C. New council: Lab 27, C 12, L/Dem 5.

BLYTH VALLEY: Lab no change. New council: Lab 28, L/Dem 12.

BOLSOVER: Lab no change. Lab gain 1 from C and 1 from L/Dem. Ind gain 1 from Lab. New council: Lab 34, Ind 1, R 2.

BOOTHFERRY: C gain from NOC. C gain 1 from Ind, Ind gain 2 from Ind. New council: C 18, Lab 12, Ind 5.

BOSTON: NOC no change. Lab gain 2 from C and 2 from L/Dem. New council: C 10, Lab 8, L/Dem 8, Ind 8.

BOURNEMOUTH: C loss to NOC. L/Dem gain 15 from C. Lab gain 1 from C. New council: L/Dem 28, C 28, Lab 6, Ind 3.

BRACKNELL FOREST: C no change. Lab gain 6 from C. L/Dem gain 1 from C. New council: C 22, Lab 7, L/Dem 1.

BRAINTREE: NOC no change. Lab gain 5 from C. Ind gain from 1 C. New council: C 23, Lab 21, Ind 10, L/Dem 6.

BRECKLAND: C no change. C gain 1 from Ind. Lab gain 1 from C. New council: C 32, Ind 11, Lab 8, L/Dem 2.

BRENTWOOD: NOC from C. L/Dem 8, C 8. L/Dem gain 4 from C. New council: L/Dem 19, C 17, Lab 2, Ind 1.

BRIDGNORTH: NOC no change. L/Dem gain 1 from Ind. New council: C 11, Lab 1, L/Dem 5, Ind 16.

BRIGHTON: Lab no change. *Lab 11, C 5.* Lab gain 2 from C, 1 from Ind and 1 from L/Dem. New council: Lab 33, C 15.

BRISTOL: Lab no change. Lab 15, C 3, L/Dem 4. Lab gain 2 from C and 1 from L/Dem. L/Dem gain 1 from Lab and 1 from C. New council: Lab 43, C 18, L/Dem 5, vacant 2.

BROADLAND: C no change. C 6, Ind 5, L/Dem 4, Lab 2. Lab gain 2 from C. L/Dem gain 2 from C. Ind gain 1 from C. New council: C 25, Lab 7, L/Dem 6, Ind 8.

BROMSGROVE: C no change. Lab gain 3 from C and 3 from L/Dem. C gain 1 from R. New council: C 28, Lab 14, L/Dem 1.

BROXBOURNE: C no change. C 14, Lab 1, L/Dem 1. C gain 1 from Lab, *L/Dem gain 1 from C. New council: C 36, Lab 4, L/Dem 2.*

BROXTOWE: C no change. Lab gain 6 from C. L/Dem gain 3 from C. Ind gain 1 from C. C gain 1 L/Dem. New council: C 28, Lab 16, *L/Dem 4, Ind 2.*

BURNLEY: Lab no change. Result incomplete.

CAMBRIDGE: Lab no change. Lab 8, C 3, L/Dem 4, Ind 1. Lab gain 1 from L/Dem. *L/Dem gain 1 from C. New council: C 10,* Lab 25, L/Dem 2, Ind 5.

CANNOCK CHASE: Lab no change. Lab 9, C 9, L/Dem 2. Lab gain 1 from L/Dem, C gain 2 from L/Dem. New council: Lab 30, C 5, *L/Dem 5, Green 1,* vacant 1.

CANTERBURY: C loss to NOC. L/Dem gain 10 from C and 1 from Ind. Lab gain 4 from C. New council: L/Dem 23, C 19, Lab 7.

CARADON: Ind no change. *Ind gain 2 from L/Dem and 1 from C. L/Dem gain* 4 from Ind. C gain 2 from Ind. New council: Ind 22, L/Dem 10, C 5, R 3, Lab 1.

CARLISLE: Lab no change. C 7, Lab 8, L/Dem 1. New council: Lab 32, C 17, L/Dem 1, Ind 1.

CARRICK: L/Dem gain from NOC. L/Dem gain 6 from C and 1 from Ind. Ind gain 3 from L/Dem and 1 from C. New council: L/Dem 34, C 8, Lab 4, Ind 9.

CASTLE MORPETH: NOC no change. Lab gain 4 from L/Dem, C gain 1 from L/Dem and 1 from Ind. New council: Ind 10, Lab 9, L/Dem 9, C 8.

CASTLE POINT: C no change. Lab gain 2 from C. C gain 1 from Ind. New council: C 36, Lab 9.

CHARNWOOD: C no change. Lab gain 5 from C. L/Dem gain 1 from C. New council: C 34, Lab 15, L/Dem 2, Ind 1.

CHELMSFORD: C gain from NOC. C gain 6 from L/Dem and 1 from SDP. Lab gain 2 from L/Dem, Ind gain 1 from C. New council: C 29, L/Dem 21, Lab 2, Ind 4.

CHELTENHAM: L/Dem gain from NOC. C 8, L/Dem 14. L/Dem gain 6 from C. Lab gain 1 from C. *New council: L/Dem 24, C 8, Lab 2, Ind 6.*

CHESHIRE: C no change. C 11, Lab 5, Ind 1, SLD 1. Lab gain 2 from C. SLD gain 1 from C. C gain 1 from Lab and 1 from Ind/C. New council: C 28, Lab 18, Ind 1, SLD 3, Ind/C 2.

CHESTER-LE-STREET: Lab no change. Lab gain 2 from Liberal and 1 from Ind. Ind gain 2 from Lab and 1 from Liberal. New council: Lab 27, Ind 4, C 1, Liberal 1.

CHESTER: NOC no change. Lab 5, C 11, L/Dem 6. C gain 1 from L/Dem. L/Dem gain 1 from C and 1 from Lab. New council: C 24, Lab 21, L/Dem 14, Ind 1.

CHESTERFIELD: Lab no change. L/Dem gain 4 from Lab. New council: Lab 31, L/Dem 11, C 8.

CHICHESTER: C no change. L/Dem gain 3 from C. C gain 1 from L/Dem, 1 from Ind and 1 from R. Ind gain 1 from C. New council: C 34, L/Dem 14, Ind 2.

CHILTERN: C no change. C gain 1 from L/Dem. L/Dem gain 4 from C and 1 from Ind. Ind gain 1 from Lab and 1 from C. New council: C 36, L/Dem 8, Ind 2.

CHORLEY: Lab loss to NOC. Lab 7, C 6, L/Dem 2. C gain 1 from Lab. L/Dem gain 1 from C. New council: Lab 24, C 20, L/Dem 3, Ind 1.

CHRISTCHURCH: C no change. Ind gain 3 from C, 2 from Lab and 1 from L/Dem. New council: C 13, Ind 12.

CLEETHORPES: NOC no change. Lab gain 3 from L/Dem and 1 from C. C gain 1 from Ind and 2 from L/Dem. New council: Lab 16, C 13, L/Dem 11, Ind 1.

COLCHESTER: NOC no change. L/Dem 20, C 8, Lab 7. *C gain 1 from Lab and 1 from R. New council: L/Dem 28, R 2, C 18,* Lab 11.

CONGLETON: L/Dem gain from NOC. L/Dem 8, C 9, Lab 2. L/Dem gain 2 from C. Lab gain 1 from C. New council: L/Dem 29, C 14, Lab 8.

COPELAND: Lab no change. Lab gain 2 from C. C gain 1 from Lab. New council: Lab 27, C 20, Ind 4.

CORBY: Lab no change. L/Dem gain 1 from Lab and 1 from C. Lab gain 1 from C. New council: Lab 23, C 1, Ind 1, L/Dem 2.

COTSWOLD: Ind no change. L/Dem gain 2 from others. Ind gain 1 from others. New council: Ind 31, C 8, L/Dem 4, Lab 1, Ind/C 1, Ind/Lab 4, Liberal 1.

CRAVEN: NOC no change. C 5, L/Dem 4, Ind 3, Lab 1. New council: C 12, L/Dem 12, Ind 7, Lab 3.

CRAWLEY: Lab no change. L & C 4. C gain 1 from Lab and 1 from Ind. Lab gain 3 from C and 1 from Ind. New council: L 24, C 7, L/Dem 1.

BATH: NOC no change. C 9, L/Dem 7, Lab 1. L/Dem gain 1 from Lab. New council: C 24, L/Dem 13, Lab 11.

BERWICK-UPON-TWEED: NOC no change. C gain 2 from L/Dem. L/Dem gain 1 from Ind. Ind gain 2 from L/Dem and 1 from C. C gain 1 from Ind. New council: L/Dem 11, Ind 9, C 7, Lab 1.

BEVERLEY: C no change. L/Dem gain 5 from C. C gain 1 from Ind. New council: C 32, L/Dem 18, Lab 2, Ind 1.

BLABY: C no change. C gain 1 from Ind and 1 from L/Dem. L/Dem gain 2 from C. Lab gain 1 from C. New council: C 31, L/Dem 4, Lab 1, Ind 3.

BLACKBURN: Lab no change. Lab 19, C 8, L/Dem 1. Lab gain 2 from C and 2 from L/Dem. New council: C 16, Lab 40, C 17, L/Dem 3.

BLACKPOOL: Lab gain from NOC. Lab gain 8 from C, 2 from L/Dem and 1 from Ind. L/Dem gain 1 from C. New council: Lab 27, C 12, L/Dem 5.

BLYTH VALLEY: Lab no change. *New council: Lab 28, L/Dem 12.*

BOLSOVER: Lab no change. Lab gain 1 from C and 1 from L/Dem. Ind gain 1 from Lab. New council: Lab 34, Ind 1, R 2.

BOOTHFERRY: C gain from NOC. *C gain 1 from Ind, Ind gain 2 from Ind.* New council: C 18, Lab 12, Ind 5.

BOSTON: NOC no change. Lab gain 2 from C and 2 from L/Dem. New council: C 10, Lab 8, L/Dem 8, Ind 8.

BOURNEMOUTH: C loss to NOC. L/Dem gain 15 from C. Lab gain 1 from C. New council: L/Dem 28, C 28, Lab 6, Ind 3.

BRACKNELL FOREST: C no change. Lab gain 6 from C. L/Dem gain 1 from C. New council: C 22, Lab 7, L/Dem 1.

BRAINTREE: NOC no change. Lab gain 5 from C. Ind gain from 1 C. New council: C 23, Lab 21, Ind 10, L/Dem 6.

BRECKLAND: C no change. C gain 1 from Ind. Lab gain 1 from C. New council: C 32, Ind 11, Lab 8, L/Dem 2.

BRENTWOOD: NOC from C. L/Dem 8, C 8. L/Dem gain 4 from C. New council: L/Dem 19, C 17, Lab 2, Ind 1.

BRIDGNORTH: NOC no change. L/Dem gain 1 from Ind. New council: C 11, Lab 1, L/Dem 5, Ind 16.

BRIGHTON: Lab no change. *Lab 11, C 5.* Lab gain 2 from C, 1 from Ind and 1 from L/Dem. New council: Lab 33, C 15.

BRISTOL: Lab no change. Lab 15, C 3, L/Dem 4. Lab gain 2 from C and 1 from L/Dem. L/Dem gain 1 from Lab and 1 from C. New council: Lab 43, C 18, L/Dem 5, vacant 2.

BROADLAND: C no change. C 6, Ind 5, L/Dem 4, Lab 2. Lab gain 2 from C. L/Dem gain 2 from C. Ind gain 1 from C. New council: C 25, Lab 7, L/Dem 6, Ind 8.

BROMSGROVE: C no change. Lab gain 3 from C and 3 from L/Dem. C gain 1 from R. New council: C 28, Lab 14, L/Dem 1.

BROXBOURNE: C no change. C 14, Lab 1, L/Dem 1. C gain 1 from Lab, *L/Dem gain 1 from C. New council: C 36, Lab 4, L/Dem 2.*

BROXTOWE: C no change. Lab gain 6 from C. L/Dem gain 3 from C. Ind gain 1 from C. C gain 1 L/Dem. New council: C 28, Lab 16, *L/Dem 4, Ind 2.*

BURNLEY: Lab no change. Result incomplete.

CAMBRIDGE: Lab no change. Lab 8, C 3, L/Dem 4, Ind 1. Lab gain 1 from L/Dem. *L/Dem gain 1 from C. New council: C 10,* Lab 25, L/Dem 2, Ind 5.

CANNOCK CHASE: Lab no change. Lab 9, C 9, L/Dem 2. Lab gain 1 from L/Dem, C gain 2 from L/Dem. New council: Lab 30, C 5, *L/Dem 5, Green 1,* vacant 1.

CANTERBURY: C loss to NOC. L/Dem gain 10 from C and 1 from Ind. Lab gain 4 from C. New council: L/Dem 23, C 19, Lab 7.

CARADON: Ind no change. *Ind gain 2 from L/Dem and 1 from C. L/Dem gain* 4 from Ind. C gain 2 from Ind. New council: Ind 22, L/Dem 10, C 5, R 3, Lab 1.

CARLISLE: Lab no change. C 7, Lab 8, L/Dem 1. New council: Lab 32, C 17, L/Dem 1, Ind 1.

CARRICK: L/Dem gain from NOC. L/Dem gain 6 from C and 1 from Ind. Ind gain 3 from L/Dem and 1 from C. New council: L/Dem 34, C 8, Lab 4, Ind 9.

CASTLE MORPETH: NOC no change. Lab gain 4 from L/Dem, C gain 1 from L/Dem and 1 from Ind. New council: Ind 10, Lab 9, L/Dem 9, C 8.

CASTLE POINT: C no change. Lab gain 2 from C. C gain 1 from Ind. New council: C 36, Lab 9.

CHARNWOOD: C no change. Lab gain 5 from C. L/Dem gain 1 from C. New council: C 34, Lab 15, L/Dem 2, Ind 1.

CHELMSFORD: C gain from NOC. C gain 6 from L/Dem and 1 from SDP. Lab gain 2 from L/Dem, Ind gain 1 from C. New council: C 29, L/Dem 21, Lab 2, Ind 4.

CHELTENHAM: L/Dem gain from NOC. C 8, L/Dem 14. L/Dem gain 6 from C. Lab gain 1 from C. *New council: L/Dem 24, C 8, Lab 2, Ind 6.*

CHESHIRE: C no change. C 11, Lab 5, Ind 1, SLD 1. Lab gain 2 from C. SLD gain 1 from C. C gain 1 from Lab and 1 from Ind/C. New council: C 28, Lab 18, Ind 1, SLD 3, Ind/C 2.

CHESTER-LE-STREET: Lab no change. Lab gain 2 from Liberal and 1 from Ind. Ind gain 2 from Lab and 1 from Liberal. New council: Lab 27, Ind 4, C 1, Liberal 1.

CHESTER: NOC no change. Lab 5, C 11, L/Dem 6. C gain 1 from L/Dem. L/Dem gain 1 from C and 1 from Lab. New council: C 24, Lab 21, L/Dem 14, Ind 1.

CHESTERFIELD: Lab no change. L/Dem gain 4 from Lab. New council: Lab 31, L/Dem 11, C 8.

CHICHESTER: C no change. L/Dem gain 3 from C. C gain 1 from L/Dem, 1 from Ind and 1 from R. Ind gain 1 from C. New council: C 34, L/Dem 14, Ind 2.

CHILTERN: C no change. C gain 1 from L/Dem. L/Dem gain 4 from C and 1 from Ind. Ind gain 1 from Lab and 1 from C. New council: C 36, L/Dem 8, Ind 2.

CHORLEY: Lab loss to NOC. Lab 7, C 6, L/Dem 2. C gain 1 from Lab. L/Dem gain 1 from C. New council: Lab 24, C 20, L/Dem 3, Ind 1.

CHRISTCHURCH: C no change. Ind gain 3 from C, 2 from Lab and 1 from L/Dem. New council: C 13, Ind 12.

CLEETHORPES: NOC no change. Lab gain 3 from L/Dem and 1 from C. C gain 1 from Ind and 2 from L/Dem. New council: Lab 16, C 13, L/Dem 11, Ind 1.

COLCHESTER: NOC no change. L/Dem 20, C 8, Lab 7. *C gain 1 from Lab and 1 from R. New council: L/Dem 28, R 2, C 18,* Lab 11.

CONGLETON: L/Dem gain from NOC. L/Dem 8, C 9, Lab 2. L/Dem gain 2 from C. Lab gain 1 from C. New council: L/Dem 29, C 14, Lab 8.

CORBY: Lab no change. L/Dem gain 1 from Lab and 1 from C. Lab gain 1 from C. New council: Lab 23, C 1, Ind 1, L/Dem 2.

COTSWOLD: Ind no change. L/Dem gain 2 from others. Ind gain 1 from others. New council: Ind 31, C 8, L/Dem 4, Lab 1, Ind/C 1, Ind/Lab 4, Liberal 1.

CRAVEN: NOC no change. C 5, L/Dem 4, Ind 3, Lab 1. New council: C 12, L/Dem 12, Ind 7, Lab 3.

CRAWLEY: Lab no change. L & C 4. C gain 1 from Lab and 1 from Ind. Lab gain 3 from C and 1 from Ind. New council: L 24, C 7, L/Dem 1.

DACORUM, HERTS: C No change. Lab gain 2 from C, 2 from Ind, 4 from L/Dem. New council: C 38, Lab 18, L/Dem 4.

DARLINGTON: Lab gain from NOC. *Lab gain 5 from C. Lab gain 2 from Ind. Ind gain 1* from C. New council: Lab 30, C 18, L/Dem 2, Ind 2.

DARTFORD: C no change. Lab gain 3 from C. New council: C 25, Lab 20, R 2.

DAVENTRY: C no change. C 7, Lab 3, Ind 1, L/Dem 1. L/Dem gain 1 from Ind. New council: C 18, Lab 13, Ind 2, L/Dem 2.

DERBY: NOC gain from C. Lab 10, C 8. Lab gain 2 from C. *New council: Lab 32, C 22.*

DERBYSHIRE DALES: C no change. C gain 2 from Others. New council: C 24, L/Dem 9, Lab 3, Ind 1, Others 2.

DERWENTSIDE: Lab no change. Ind gain 6 from Lab. Lab gain 1 from C. New council: Lab 38, Ind 15, C 2.

DOVER: C loss to NOC. Lab gain 2 from C. L/Dem gain 2 from C. Ind gain 1 from C. New council: C 28, Lab 21, L/Dem 6, Ind 1.

DURHAM: Lab no change. L/Dem gain 3 from Lab. New council: Lab 28, Ind 8, L/Dem 15.

EASINGTON: Lab no change. L/Dem gain 1 from Lab. Ind/Lab gain 3 from Lab. Ind gain 1 from Lab. New council: Lab 38, Ind 5, Ind/Lab 4, L/Dem 4.

EAST CAMBRIDGESHIRE: Ind no change. C gain 4 from Ind. Ind gain 1 from L/Dem. L/Dem gain 2 from Ind. New council: C 7, Lab 1, L/Dem 4, Ind 25.

EAST DEVON: C no change. L/Dem gain 6 from C. Green gain 2 from C. Ind gain 3 from C. Raving Loony Green Giant Party gain 1 from C. C gain 1 from L/Dem. New council: C 41, L/Dem 12, Ind 4, Green 2, Raving Loony Green Giant Party 1.

EAST DORSET: C no change. L/Dem gain 5 from C and 1 from Ind. Ind gain 2 from C. New council: C 19, L/Dem 13, Ind 4.

EAST HAMPSHIRE: C loss to NOC. L/Dem gain 7 from C and 1 from Ind. Ind gain 1 from C. New council: C 18, L/Dem 20, Ind 8.

EAST HERTFORDSHIRE: C no change. C gain 1 from NOC, C & R exit 1 from Ind. Ind gain 1 from C. L/Dem gain 4 from C, 1 from R and 2 from Ind. Lab gain 1 from C. New council: C 32, L/Dem 12, Ind 3, Lab 2, R 1.

EAST LINDSEY: Ind no change. New council: C 6, Lab 4, L/Dem 5, Ind 43.

EAST NORTHAMPTONSHIRE: C no change. Lab gain 5 from C. L/Dem gain 3 from C. C gain 1 from L/Dem. C gain 1 from Lab. New council: C 34, Lab 8, L/Dem 3.

EAST STAFFORDSHIRE: NOC no change. L/Dem gain 1 from C and 1 from Lab. Lab 1 gain from C. New council: Lab 23, C 19, L/Dem 4.

EAST YORKSHIRE: NOC no change.

Lab gain 8 from C. L/Dem gain 2 from C. New council: C 16, Lab 5, L/Dem 5, Ind 16, Others 1.

EASTBOURNE: L/Dem gain from NOC. L/Dem 7, C 3. L/Dem gain 2 from C. New council: *L/Dem 16, C 12, Lab 1,* Ind 1.

EASTLEIGH: NOC no change. L/Dem 5, C 7, Lab 8. C gain 1 from L/Dem. Lab gain 1 from L/Dem. New council: L/Dem 19, C 16, Lab 7.

EDEN: Ind no change. L/Dem gain 4 from Ind. New council: Ind 33, L/Dem 4.

ELLESMERE PORT & NESTON: Lab no change. *Lab 8, C 5. Lab gain 1 from C. New council: Lab* 31, C 10.

ELMBRIDGE: NOC no change. C 7, R 6, Lab 3, L/Dem 4. L/Dem gain 1 from Ind and 1 from C. Lab gain 1 from R and 1 from C. R gain 3 from C. New council: C 28, R 16, Lab 9, L/Dem 8.

EPPING FOREST: C no change. C 8, Lab 5, L/Dem 2, Ind 4. Ind gain 2 from C. L/Dem gain 1 from C. Lab gain 1 from C. New council: C 31, Lab 13, L/Dem 2, Ind 13.

EPSOM & EWELL: R no change. L/Dem gain 6 from R. R gain 1 from L/Dem. New council: R 20, L/Dem 6, Lab 3.

ERDINGTON: Lab gain from C. Lab gain 7 from C. C gain 2 from Lab, L/Dem gain 1 from C. New council: Lab 27, C 22, Ind 2, L/Dem 1.

EXETER: NOC no change. Lab 6, C 2, L/Dem 2, Ind 1. Lab gain 2 from C and 1 from Ind. C gain 1 from Ind. Ind gain 1 from C. New council: Lab 16, C 11, *L/Dem 6,* Ind 1.

FAREHAM: C no change. C 13, L/Dem 2, Lab 1. C gain 1 from SDP, 1 from Lab and 1 from L/Dem. L/Dem gain 1 from C. New council: C 23, L/Dem 19, Lab 4, others 5.

FENLAND: C no change. Lab gain 1 from C and 1 from L/Dem. C gain 3 from L/Dem and 2 from Ind. New council: Lab 6, C 28, L/Dem2, Ind 4.

FOREST HEATH: C loss to NOC. Lab gain 2 from Ind and 1 from C. Lab gain 1 from Ind. New council: C 12, Ind 9, L/Dem 3, Lab 2.

FOREST OF DEAN: Lab gain from NOC. Lab gain 1 from C, 6 from Mod Lab, 3 from L/Dem and 3 from Ind. L/Dem gain 1 from C and 1 from Ind. *Ind gain 3 from Lab and 1 from C. New* council: Lab 25, Ind 15,

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Battle-scarred Tories are in better shape than they seem

Neil Kinnock should be more worried than John Major by the council polls, writes Ivor Crewe

THE headline results from Thursday's local elections speak of a Conservative collapse, double-digit swings to Labour, and the wholly unexpected advance of the Liberal Democrats. The reality is less dramatic.

As always with local elections, interpretation depends on the focus of analysis and the base line for comparison. In terms of seats, the Conservatives' net loss of 850 – unprecedented for any party for this set of local councils – was far worse than anyone, including Chris Patten, the party chairman, anticipated. The Conservatives lost all they had gained not only in 1987 but in 1983.

The Liberal Democrats were predicted to lose 500 seats; in the event they gained that number by holding what they had and advancing in most of their areas of local strength, except where they ran councils as in Chelmsford and Southend.

In terms of councils, Labour captured those it expected to, including the big city prizes of Cardiff and Nottingham, but also Plymouth and Luton, which it did not. In spite of losing votes, the Liberal Democrats captured enough councils to control more town halls than at any time since the second world war.

However, the only proper basis for assessing the party's true national standing is an estimate of their national vote share. This presents a much more qualified picture of the three parties' positions.

An aggregation of the local election vote in 38 Conservative-held marginals (see table), selected to be representative of the parties' national vote shares at the last general election, put party support on Thursday at Conservatives 36.5 er cent, Labour 37.5 per cent, Liberal Democrat, 23.5 per cent, confirming that the two major parties are level pegging. On these figures, Labour would win 303 seats to the Tories' 298, falling well short of a majority, and becoming dependent on 25 Liberal Democrats, who would hold the balance of power.

A glance down the list of Conservative-Labour marginals underlines the limit of Labour's achievement on Thursday. To win an overall majority at the next Election, Labour will need to capture all 28 seats, from hyper-marginal York to the winning-post seat of Davyhulme. On Thursday, Labour failed to take eight of them, including a batch of crucial marginals in the traditionally volatile West Midlands. In Wolverhampton North East, which Labour lost against the trend in 1987, it came out ahead by only two per cent.

Against Labour's modest performance in the Black Country can be set its marked and sometimes massive recovery in the urban South. But too much can be made of this. In high growth, high-tech areas such as Basildon, Corby, Harlow, Ipswich, and Peterborough, Labour polled far better in the 1983 and 1987 local elections than in the general election that immediately followed. Reference to the huge swings in such areas on Thursday are based on comparison with the 1987 General Election. The table shows that Labour's improvement in such areas since the 1987 *local elections* has been modest, except in Slough and Swindon.

Not all of Thursday's Liberal Democrat voters will stay loyal by general election day. With the Conservative and Labour parties so evenly balanced, their pattern of defections will be crucial. On Thursday, the Liberal Democrats advanced furthest where the Conservatives retreated most, suggesting that the subsiding of Liberal Democrat support will probably benefit the Conservatives *more* than Labour.

In spite of the recession, the Opposition is only a whisker ahead. Local elections do not choose the prime minister, on which the public's current preference for John Major is clear. In spite of the headlines, Thursday's results should leave Mr Major less worried than Mr Kinnock.

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THE MARGINAL EFFECT

(How Thursday's vote would translate into general election results in 38 Tory marginals)

	1991 local elections Con	Lab	L/Dem	Constituency Result*	% change since June 87 general election Con	Lab	L/Dem
Con/Lab marginals							
Basildon	36	43	20	Lab gain	-7	+5	+2
Birmingham Northfield	52	38	11	Con hold	+7	-2	-5
Birmingham Selly Oak	45	44	11	Con hold	0	+4	-4
Birmingham Yardley	20	23	58	Lib/Dem gain	-23	-14	+37
Bolton West	36	37	27	Lab gain	-8	+1	+7
Bristol East	27	39	32	Lab gain	-15	+3	+12
Bury North	44	44	12	Con hold	-6	+6	0
Bury South	46	49	5	Lab gain	0	+8	-8
Corby	35	42	24	Lab gain	-10	+1	+9
Coventry South West	44	40	16	Con hold	+1	+3	-4
Daveyhulme	45	37	18	Con hold	-2	+7	-5
Dover	32	41	27	Lab gain	-14	+7	+7
Dudley West	49	41	10	Con hold	-1	+7	-6
Elmet	39	46	15	Lab gain	-8	+9	-1
Ipswich	39	45	16	Lab gain	-6	+3	+4
Keighley	45	41	14	Con hold	-1	+6	-5
Nottingham East	38	49	13	Lab gain	-4	+7	-2
Nottingham South	41	43	16	Lab gain	-4	+3	+1
Peterborough	39	39	22	Lab gain	-11	+5	+6
Slough	32	51	17	Lab gain	-15	+11	+4
Southampton Itchen	37	43	21	Lab gain	-8	+11	-3
Southampton Test	39	42	20	Lab gain	-7	+9	-2
Stockport	30	39	32	Lab gain	-12	+3	+10
Swindon	36	48	17	Lab gain	+5	-2	-3
Waveney	33	42	25	Lab gain	-15	+12	+3
Wolverhampton North East	41	43	16	Lab gain	-1	+2	0
York	34	47	19	Lab gain	-8	+5	+3
Con/Liberal Democrats contests							
Bath	37	25	38	Lib/Dem gain	-9	+14	-5
Cambridge	30	40	30	Lab gain	10	+11	-1
Cheadle	49	12	39	Con hold	-6	+3	+3
Crosby	42	26	32	Con hold	-4	+8	-4
Hazel Grove	33	18	49	Lib/Dem gain	-13	+6	+7
Leeds North East	40	32	28	Con hold	-6	+7	-1
Leeds North West	37	32	32	Con hold	-8	+10	-2
Pudsey	38	30	32	Con hold	-8	+9	-2
St Alban's	39	21	40	Lib/Dem gain	-15	+9	+5
Shipley	50	33	17	Con hold	0	+9	-10
Southend West	44	10	46	Lib/Dem gain	10	+3	+8
Average change					-6.9	+5.5	+1.5

*NB. Percentages are shares (or changes in the share) of the three-party vote. * Result shows winning party in constituency if Thursday's voting was repeated at a general election. Voting figures have been rounded up to nearest whole number.*

Sutch joy as Loonies secure four seats

By Douglas Broom
Local Government Correspondent

WHILE the Liberal Democrats celebrated their triumph in the local elections, a smaller political movement was enjoying the fruits of a more modest, but no less significant, renaissance. The Raving Loonies, famed as the party of the lost deposit in Commons elections, confounded pundits on Thursday night by taking four West Country seats.

Stuart Hughes, a hotelier who defeated the Conservatives to win Sidmouth's *Wolbrook ward on East* Devon district council for the Raving Loony Green Giant Party, is leader of the "sensible" wing of the party. Mr Hughes, aged 40, whose Fawlty Towers Hotel in Sidmouth was named after the fictional home of the ultimate raving loony, also won a seat on Sidmouth town council. He said: "This must come as a real blow to John Major. It is proof that voting Loony really does make sense."

Unrestrained silliness was kept alive in Cornwall, however, when Freddy Zapp, a disc jockey, won a seat on Camborne town council for the Official Monster Raving Loony Party. *The chairman* of the Monster Raving Loony Party, Alan Hope, also held his seat on Ashburton town council, in Devon, and Charlie Salt, another of its candidates, won a seat on the parish council at Cheriton Bishop, Devon, with 79 votes. Screaming Lord Sutch, the party founder, said: "It is a great day for loonyism."

The night had its more serious upsets. In Horsham, West Sussex, Brad Watson, the Conservative councillor tipped to take over as chairman of the Association of District Councils in July, lost his seat.

The toss of a coin yesterday won Labour's Elfed Morgan a seat on Cynon Valley council, Mid Glamorgan, after six recounts failed to separate him and his Plaid Cymru rival, John Daniel.

Sad Solihull Tories ask why

By Craig Seton

BENEATH an old photograph of Margaret Thatcher hanging on a wall of the Solihull Conservative Association offices, demoralised Tories yesterday began an inquest to discover why they had lost overall control of a council regarded as impregnable in the early days of the former prime minister.

A party worker explained that pictures of John Major had not yet been issued. It was also clear that the new prime minister's contribution to reviving Tory fortunes had not appeared to work in Solihull. Within hours of their defeat, some local Tories said that the government's treatment of local authorities had cost them dear.

The Tories lost three seats, picked off by Labour, the Liberal Democrats and Independent Ratepayers, to produce a hung council. Although the Conservatives, with 23 councillors, remain the largest party, the others combined have a majority of five.

Two Tory committee chairmen lost their seats. One, Terence Powell, a councillor for 13 years, was beaten by an Independent Ratepayer. He said: "It's certainly not a council we should have lost. We have been treated appallingly by central government. We have had a rate support grant that was cut and cut. Whereas we used to have the lowest metropolitan rate in the country, that was being reversed with the poll tax."

Mr Powell, a sub-postmaster, said that voters were concerned about the health service and unemployment. He added: "The poll tax was still an issue. The trouble with central government is that it tends to generalise about local authorities. What may be true in Brixton is not true in Solihull."

The opposition parties are not expected to form alliances to try to take control, but have promised to make life difficult if the Tories attempt it. The big question yesterday was how the leadership of the council and committees would be organised.

A full-time agent was appointed for the Solihull constituency Conservative party only six months ago, after many years without one.

John Taylor, the Tory MP who has a majority of over 21,000, did not appear to need such help, and in some quarters it was believed that the agent had been brought in to bolster the local party machine after its once-large majorities on the council were gradually whittled away.

Militant spectre returns to Liverpool

By Peter Davenport

LABOUR party bickering is likely to dominate another council term in Liverpool after the Broad Left faction defeated official Labour candidates in five of the six wards they contested.

There were calls yesterday for those who opposed official candidates to be expelled from the party and a report demanding an investigation into alleged malpractice by the Broad Left group was sent to national headquarters.

A party spokeswoman said that an investigation into why party members had stood against official candidates was likely. Offenders could face sanctions including expulsion from the party.

Bob Wareing, the Labour MP for Liverpool West Derby, said: "These people call themselves left-wingers but they are not, they are Stalinists." The victory for the Broad Left candidates, in which the group held four seats and gained a fifth, gives it 27 votes on the city council. It is a substantial blow to Labour's efforts to suppress Militant influence in the city and means that Harry Rimmer, the council leader, faces increased opposition to his attempt to cut 1,000 council jobs.



Wareing: described the Broad Left as Stalinists

Terry Jennings, leader of the Broad Left group, called on Mr Rimmer to stand down. "Neil Kinnock has been saying that the Labour moderates know what this city wants, but these results show categorically that they don't," he said.

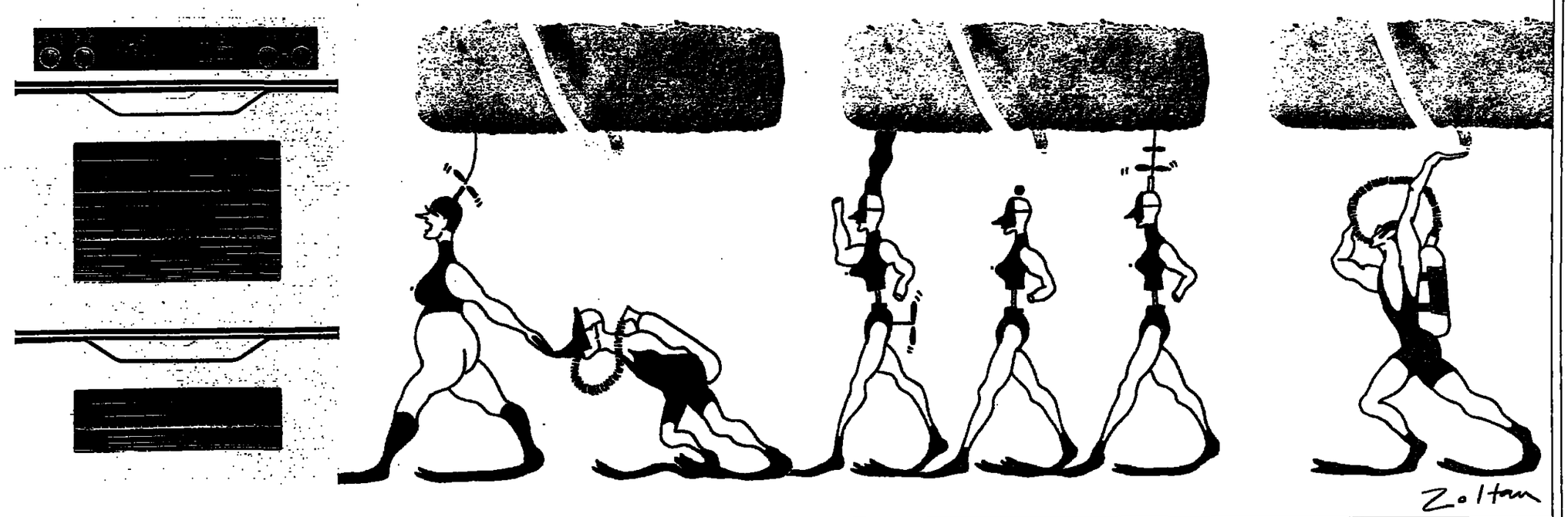
Mr Rimmer and defeated official Labour candidates accused the Broad Left of confusing voters by designing their posters and leaflets like official party literature. Keva Coombes, the former Labour leader, said the results would mean council committees splitting three ways and becoming unworkable.

The council now comprises 62 Labour members, including the 27 Broad Left supporters, five classed as Ward Labour, 27 Liberal Democrats, two Conservative, one Liberal, one SDP and one vacancy.

In Wirral, Labour gained a clear majority on the borough council for the first time and now has 34 of the 66 seats. The biggest upset, however, was the defeat of Yvonne Nolan, the anti-poll tax group leader, who lost her seat to the Conservatives by 1,200 votes.

There was good news for Labour elswhere in the North. In Bradford the group increased its majority by five, and won control of Darlington and Langbaurgh-on-Tees, two rare outposts of Conservative rule.

In Wear Valley, Durham, the local council, under Labour control for 12 years, switched to the Liberal Democrats, who gained 22 seats.



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Many unhappy returns as Poles take another constitutional



Catherine the Great: enraged by constitution Burke praised

The post-communist Polish constitution is proving just as contentious as its landmark 1791 predecessor, celebrated yesterday. Roger Boyes reports from Warsaw

WITH fanfare and pomp, Poland celebrated the 200th anniversary of Europe's first written constitution yesterday. But politicians deftly papered over the fierce arguments that are delaying the draft of a new democratic constitution and are obscuring the relative power of president and parliament.

The 1791 constitituion, which enfranchised Poland's burghers, was regarded as a democratic milestone and was extravagantly praised by Edmund Burke, who emphasised that the document "included the seed of durable progress because it is constructed on the same principles that have made our British constitution so perfect".

But it angered Catherine, Empress of Russia, who set about partitioning Poland with the Prussians. The historic constitution lasted barely fourteen months. The present constitution was adopted in the stalinist era, in 1952, but has been amended so often that little is left of the original text. In 1976, it was changed to include clauses enshrining "the leading role" of the communist party and friendship with the Soviet Union.

When communist rule was broken in 1989, the constitution was changed again in the other direction. The introduction of a senate, a parliamentary upper house, and the post of president meant that a different balance had to be struck. Local councils were given new powers.

Article One, defining Poland as a "socialist country", was amended, the marxist term "working people" was removed from the text and replaced by the word "nation", and the communist party lost its written right to a "leading role" in Polish society.

A completely new constitution was supposed to be ready in time for yesterday's celebrations. But political infighting and the fracturing of Solidarity means that it will not be ready for approval until after a general election in the autumn. President Walesa's supporters argued that a democratic constitution should not be approved by a parliament which still has a guaranteed block of seats for communists. First, parliament had to be fully democratic, then the constitution could be adopted.

But this timetable was muddled by Mr Walesa's determination to be president of Poland. Now the country has a democratically elected president who can more or less improvise on his political powers.

The current row centres on the power of the presidency. There are two constitutional committees, one drawn from the Sejm (lower house) and the other from the Senate, and they cannot yet agree on the fundamental division of power between parliament and president. The Sejm committee leans towards the German system, granting wide powers to parliament, government and prime minister, while curbing presidential influence in the political arena.

The Senate favours a French-style presidency. Senators argue that this is the most stable solution for the difficult economic and social conflicts facing Poland. Such a sytstem would reconcile democratic government with President Walesa's charismatic style of leadership and would provide a stronger national image abroad.

Other key differences run along a left-right fault line. Social Democrats — former communists and those on the left of the Solidarity movement — want to retain the constitutional right to work, free health care and education, while those on the right do not. There are also differences on the separation of church and state and on the future status of the Senate.

These arguments were conveniently submerged yesterday. Instead, Poles complained that the celebration of a 200-year-old democratic document was distinctly undemocratic, confined to important speechmaking and solemn choral singing in the parliamentary chamber.

Polish Americans had been lobbying to invite Sting, the Rolling Stones and President Bush to the ceremonies, and to make something of an extravaganza of the day. The proposal was overruled: Poland was too poor for extravaganzas, and Sting was in any case busy elsewhere, saving rainforests in the Amazon.

Croatia gives warning of war after Serb clash

From DESSA TREVISAN IN BELGRADE

THE bloodiest clash between Serbs and Croats since the second world war has left 16 people dead, raising the spectre of civil war. Franjo Tudjman, the Croatian president, addressing his compatriots yesterday morning, said: "We have experienced the most tragic day in the short history of Croatian democracy ... and we are facing, I may say, the beginning of open warfare against the republic of Croatia." But he went on to appeal for calm.

Curbing the emotions of Serbs and Croats will be extremely difficult. Thousands of young Croats held protest meetings yesterday, demanding guns to protect the state. Dr Tudjman said they would use all means to fight terrorism and defend every inch of Croatian soil.

The shooting in the village of Borovo Selo on Thursday went on for several hours and about 200 to 300 Croatian policemen were dispatched to the village to look for two of their colleagues who went missing during a patrol the day before. The Croatian version states that the villagers opened fire and the police fell into a trap.

Serbs in the village were jubilant. One Serb said: "If they come back, we shall again send them home in coffins," referring to the Croatian policemen. Another said: "Croatian special police fell like ripe pears when we opened fire on them." Another policeman was killed in a gunfight in Palaca village in southern Croatia.

The emotions whipped up by the shootings, threatening to plunge the whole of Yugoslavia into turmoil, have been exacerbated by claims of extraordinary brutality in the clashes. According to reports, the two Croatian policemen captured by Serbs had been tortured before being killed. Yugoslavia's vice-president, Stipe Mesic, told Croatian television yesterday that some Croatian policemen were "butchered before they died". He explained that "they were treated in the most bestial manner, some were mutilated and even decapitated".

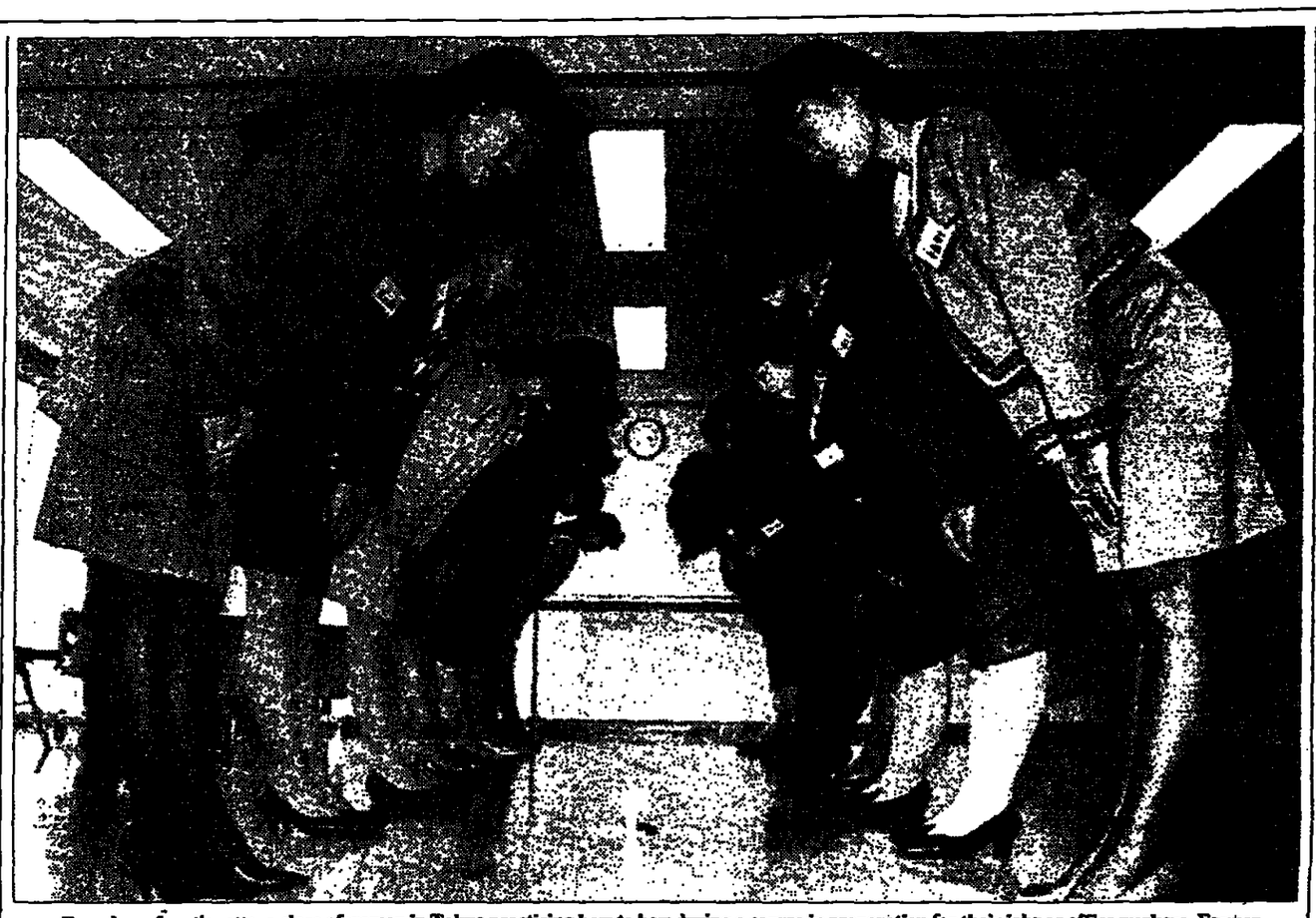
Local hospitals said 14 police and six civilians had also been hurt in the fighting before federal army tanks and soldiers intervened.

Yesterday, federal army tanks were patrolling the village in northeastern Croatia, which is largely populated by Serbs. The official death toll, according to the Croatian authorities, was 12 policemen and three civilians killed in Borovo Selo. But the local Serbs pointed out with pride that it was a "real war" and that only one Serbian civilian had been killed. His body, draped in the Serbian flag, was carried across the Danube into Serbia to be buried.

The scene in the village was one of devastation. The village hall, the adjoining clinic and the post office were riddled with bullet holes, and cars and a bus, presumably one that was used to bring the police reinforcements, were burnt out.

Dr Tudjman is now under pressure to use the incident to review relations with Serbia, a hint that Croatia may decide to boycott the so-far unsuccessful talks currently being held to bridge differences between Yugoslavia's six republics.





Eyes down for etiquette: a class of women in Tokyo practising how to bow during a course in preparation for their jobs as office workers. Former airline stewardesses teach poise and charm to about 40,000 people from Japanese companies each year

Japan apologises to Asia for war

Singapore — Toshiki Kaifu, the Japanese prime minister, yesterday apologised to an audience in Singapore for the "unbearable suffering and sorrow" inflicted by the Japanese army of occupation "on a great many people in Asia and the Pacific region" (Mary Lee writes).

Mr Kaifu, who is on a tour of South-East Asian nations, chose to make what observers called a "very un-Japanese apology" in a speech to about 300 businessmen and academics. "This year marks the 50th anniversary of the outbreak of the Pacific war," he said. "Looking back upon the first half of this century, I express our sincere contrition at Japanese past actions which inflicted unbearable suffering and sorrow upon a great many people of the Asia-Pacific region. The Japanese people are resolved never again to repeat those actions, which had tragic consequences."

Observers say it is significant that Mr Kaifu chose to make his apology in Singapore after visiting Thailand, which has just had a military coup, and Malaysia — the routes that the Japanese imperial army took to reach Singapore. He spoke of co-operation in a crescent of economic activity, spurred on in an environment of peace and prosperity.

Georgia tremors

Moscow — Fresh tremors struck the southern Soviet republic of Georgia yesterday, but there were no reports of casualties or damage. Avtandil Akhaubedishvili, the head of Georgia's central seismological observatory, said the tremors hit the same region in which at least 180 people died in an earthquake on Monday.

Miners strike

Sofia — Thousands of Bulgarian miners at a lead-zinc mine in Madan, south of Sofia, went on strike to demands for the resignation of the communist-era management, higher wages and better safety. A miners' spokesman said more than 6,000 of the 11,400 workers had taken part. *(Reuter)*

Laser ban urged

Geneva — Laser weapons which cause blindness should be banned under international law, the president of the International Committee of the Red Cross, Cornelio Sommaruga, said. A report on the weapons will be put before the International Red Cross conference in Budapest in September.

Helicopter deal

Bangkok — The Burmese military junta, fighting a war of attrition against ethnic rebel groups, might buy attack MI17 helicopters from the Soviet Union, Rangoon radio said. Major-General Tin Tun, the air force chief, met F. N. Myavinikov, the deputy director general of Soviet Aviaexport, in Rangoon. *(AP)*

Sister kidnapped

Hong Kong — A boy aged 12, living in Canton, kidnapped his younger sister and threatened to kill her unless his mother paid him 100,000 yuan (£11,000), the China News Service reported. She offered to pay but when he went to collect the ransom she caught him and handed him over to police. *(Reuter)*

Number's up

Hammond, Indiana — Mgr John F. Morales, a Roman Catholic priest, was jailed for ten months for running an illicit £1.17 million-a-year bingo operation. Prosecutors said he conspired to create the illusion of a church charity, taking £60,000 a night and depositing as little as £60. *(AP)*

Gatt negotiators expect delay in farm trade deal

From GEORGE BROCK IN BRUSSELS

NO NEW deal to liberalise world trade can be struck until towards the end of the year because of the lack of real dialogue between America and Europe over farm subsidies, key negotiators have said.

The four-year talks under the General Agreement on Tariff and Trade (Gatt) collapsed in Brussels last December, but have been kept alive since by technical meetings in Geneva. No progress has been registered while the American administration asks Congress for a fresh negotiating mandate; that vote should be complete by the end of this month. The Uruguay Round of the Gatt talks is designed to put large areas of international trade — notably agriculture, services and copyright — under global free-trade rules.

Officials at Gatt headquarters in Geneva have noted that no dialogue on central issues exists between Washington and Brussels and that little real progress has been registered since the breakdown at the end of last year. "It is very disturbing that they really aren't talking to each other," said one senior Gatt official.

American officials have complained that European Community negotiators seem to be waiting for the congressional decision before moving any further. Washington appears to expect Helmut Kohl, the German chancellor, to bring good news on Gatt when he visits Washington later this month. There is no indication that he has any plan to do so.

Recent visits by Arthur Dunkel, the director-general of Gatt, to Washington and Brussels and by Ray MacSharry, the EC farm commissioner, to Washington have established that most parties to the talks see the end of this year as the deadline for cutting a deal. In any event, the start of the American presidential campaign next year will halt any unfinished negotiation.

The European Commission has again begun to speak with two voices on Gatt. Before Mr MacSharry left for Washington, he said that he hoped that a ministerial meeting could be held in the autumn. Frans Andriessen, the external affairs commissioner, told Mr Dunkel that he hoped that a deal could be sewn up without the need for another ministerial meeting.

The commission, which negotiates on behalf of all 12 EC states, has held almost no internal discussion on Gatt since the beginning of the year. EC governments are struggling over whether to allow themselves to break their own agricultural spending budget for this year. In June, they are due to return to the thorny topic of fundamental reform of the common agricultural policy. Only when some progress has been made in those areas, as well as in the technical Gatt discussions in Geneva, will the central negotiation be free to proceed.

December's breakdown in negotiations occurred when Third World delegates rejected an EC offer to reduce farm subsidy by 30 per cent over ten years. Mr MacSharry said this week that it would now be very difficult to deliver on that offer because of new burdens on the European farm support budget. He noted that farm production is rising and consumption is falling.

Bonn squabbles on liberals' role

From IAN MURRAY IN BONN

IN AN unseemly dispute that is undermining Helmut Kohl's position as chancellor, the three parties that make up Germany's ruling coalition are exchanging insults and threatening to walk out on each other.

Herr Kohl, infuriated by accusations of lack of leadership, has added to the disarray by cancelling talks planned for yesterday with leaders of his chief critics, the Christian Social Union (CSU), the Bavarian sister party of his own Christian Democrats (CDU). The chancellor still means to keep his promise to confer with the CSU at Irsee next Tuesday, but Max Streibl, the Bavarian prime minister, will be unable to attend. Although this weakens the CSU delegation, the delay will allow the argument to rumble on, with the Bavarian party building its case that the chancellor is failing to give a credible right-wing lead.

The two parties have a pact in which the CSU confines its activities to Bavaria while the CDU campaigns throughout the rest of Germany. The CSU is not only threatening to pull out, but is talking about tearing up the electoral agreement and challenging for the right-wing vote all over the country. Although there is little likelihood that the Bavarian party will carry out its threats now, the squabble weakens the Herr Kohl's role at a time when his authority is urgently needed to create confidence for investors in eastern Germany.

The two parties are mainly arguing about the influence on government policy of the liberal Free Democrats (FDP), the junior partners in the coalition. They were the only one of the three parties to emerge stronger from last December's all-German election, with 11 per cent of the vote.

The CSU believes that under Herr Kohl, the CDU is increasingly relaxing conservative policies with the result that the radical right is gaining strength, especially in the east. Theo Waigel, the CSU leader, told the *Augsburger Allgemeine* newspaper yesterday that the two parties were being led by the FDP into "a Babylonian captivity".

Cardinal Mindszenty granted his last wish

From ERNEST BECK IN BUDAPEST

THE remains of Hungary's staunchest anti-communist cleric, Cardinal Jozsef Mindszenty, who died in Austrian exile in 1975, were returned home yesterday to a solemn and emotional welcome.

Today official reburial ceremonies will posthumously honour Mindszenty, who suffered torture, imprisonment and 20 years of exile, and is seen by many Hungarians as the greatest symbol of resistance to communist rule.

Church bells rang and the faithful stood silently along the roadside as the cortege moved slowly on its way to the town of Esztergom, the traditional seat of the Hungarian catholic primate, where the cardinal will be entombed in the basilica.

He was hailed as a martyr by Bertalan Andrasfalvy, the minister of culture. "We grew rich and strong when he opposed with uncompromising bravery the most cunning and cruel power of world history, and when he opposed the traitors who served them his bravery put our indifference and fear to shame."

Sentenced to life imprisonment in 1949 at a Stalinist show trial, the cardinal was set free for a few days during the 1956 uprising. But when Soviet troops entered Hungary he took refuge in the US embassy, and remained there for 15 years until Washington and the Vatican brokered a deal to secure him safe passage in 1971.

The cardinal's final wish was to return to Hungary only "when the red star of faithless Moscow had finally fallen."

For J.R. and Dallas, it's a wonderful curtain

From CHARLES BREMNER IN NEW YORK

IN A plot modelled on *It's a Wonderful Life*, the 1946 classic of the hereafter, the final episode of *Dallas* screened last night in America showed a suicidal J. R. being taken on a tour of Southfork ranch by a guardian angel, played by Joel Grey, to see how the Ewing family would have turned out if J. R. had never been born to visit his double-crossing schemes on their oil-rich Eden.

Ever since the Wall Street crash of 1987, America's trend-watchers have been seizing on events that they deem to mark the final curtain of the decade of excess. For some it was the election of the Ivy League President Bush, for others it was the conviction of the junk bond kings or the recession.

But a fitting epilogue to the age seems to be CBS television's two-hour finale to the long-running saga of conniving Texas folk. For those out of reach of their television sets, most American airlines were provided with videotapes to play to their passengers in flight.

Dallas was more than entertainment. From the first appearance of Larry Hagman as the dastardly J. R. on April 2, 1978, the tale of the ever-feuding Ewing family was the manifesto for the grabbing and glitz spirit of the 1980s. Last night's adieu to the folks of Southfork played with the premise: what if J. R. and all that delicious skullduggery — in other words, the 1980s — had never happened.

The show has still been drawing ten million viewers, a respectable figure but nothing compared to its early heyday. The high point of *Dallas* mania came when it staged the cliff-hanger of all time in late 1980 and early 1981. About 300 million viewers in 57 countries waited breathlessly to find out who shot J. R. More Americans tuned in for the solution on one night in November 1980 than bothered to vote in the presidential election.

The programme's global influence was extraordinary. In South Africa shops closed early so that staff could watch. In Bonn, the municipal theatre staged a *Dallas* ballet and in Turkey a parliamentary debate was cut short to allow members to watch.

There was nothing very original about the series. Sex, money and power have been the stuff of drama since ancient times. The plots were always predictable. J. R. kept cheating on Sue Ellen, so she always needed to have lunch with Miss Ellie; meanwhile J. R. would march into the sitting room and announce that someone was trying to sabotage Ewing Oil. Then at the end, after J. R. had pulled off yet another double-cross, someone would grit their teeth and tell him: "J. R., this time you've gone too far. I swear I'll make you pay if it's the last thing I do." But *Dallas* was the first American television drama that revelled in luxury and invited people to enjoy its lavish immorality. "*Dallas* elevated conspicuous consumption to a secular religion," *Newsweek* said in an epitaph this week. "It introduced viewers to the greedy 1980s. The show understood that any indiscretion can be turned into a career move."

Dallas spawned a barrage of prime time soap operas. It survived its resort to an unpopular contrivance of bringing Bobby Ewing back from the dead in 1986, but it had clearly outlived the *zeitgeist*. What looked like devilish cunning is more likely to look now like repulsive venality.

Musing on the influence of *Dallas* this week, Larry Hagman said he believes it even played a role in toppling communism in the Eastern bloc. "I think the opulence, the consumerism, the food, the cars made people want more than their governments provided them," he said.



End of an era: Linda Gray, Joel Grey and Larry Hagman, stars of the final episode

Confident Kurds leave border camp for haven

From EDWARD GORMAN
IN UZUMLU REFUGEE CAMP



UNITED Nations officials visiting this camp on the Turkey-Iraq border yesterday estimated that up to 20,000 people had left in the past five days, suggesting that the safe haven concept is beginning to take hold among refugees.

Alan Brody, the Unicef programme officer for Turkey, surveyed the colourful improvised tents sprawling over ridges leading up to the frontier. "This place was crowded last Sunday – it looks to me as though 50 per cent of people are gone from here," he said.

Vincent O'Reilly, a United Nations assessor accompanying Mr Brody, said he believed the sheer magnitude of the coalition effort in northern Iraq had inspired confidence amongst refugees trying to decide whether it is safe to return. "I think the vast majority will leave by June," he said. "I think it will be pretty much all over by then. These people know the mountains – it's going to get very, very hot here and very uncomfortable," he added.

Mr O'Reilly said that as the movement back into Kurdistan gains momentum, aid organisations are increasingly focusing their attention on organising cross-border programmes to help refugees when they arrive, either back home or at holding camps.

Most of the refugees here are from the town of Dahuk which senior American officers say is not within the safe zone at present and they do not know yet whether it will eventually be included.

What seems to be happening is that refugees at Uzumlu are electing to return anyway but are not going as far as Dahuk, choosing to camp in coalition-held villages further north, waiting to see how the situation develops.

On the winding road over the frontier at the top of the camp where up to 8,000 people are estimated to have crossed on Thursday, Salim Ismail a merchant from Dahuk, was part of a steady stream of people making the journey yesterday. Together with his wife and nine young children, he had decided to move down to the village of Kani Mase about seven miles south-west of Uzumlu and thought to be in coalition hands. He said they could not put up with the conditions in the refugee camp. "All the countries that have helped the Kurdish people have told us to return and that it will be safe."

A Kurdish doctor working for the Red Cross said refugees were following the progress of the safe area with excitement. "They are eager to hear the news every night. The news now is very good," he said.

But he said Kurds from southern areas and the government-held cities might not return if the safe zone excludes them. However, an American special forces sergeant major predicted the Turks would not allow people to stay on indefinitely. "Once the majority begin to move, the rest will be pushed out by the Turks," said Bill Bragdon.

The experience of Uzumlu suggests that fears among the Kurds that the safe zone will not sufficiently guarantee their security may be receding. It also suggests that movement out of the camps will depend to a great extent on whether the town or region from which most refugees are drawn, has been brought into the zone.

Yesterday RAF and US Chinook helicopters dropped around 12 tonnes of food and clothing to the remaining refugees. American soldiers and aid workers said that the general health of the people is improving by the day and the death rate is falling sharply. At least two cholera cases have been isolated in a hospital compound set up by Médecins sans Frontières.

The United States army lost its first soldier since the beginning of Operation Provide Comfort yesterday when one marine was killed and a second injured after an accidental discharge of a weapon at Zakho in northern Iraq.

● SILOPI: Turkey closed its main border crossing to northern Iraq for more than two hours yesterday, delaying international relief aid to Iraqi refugees, the United States military said.

A Turkish government official insisted the Habur bridge crossing was never closed, but Colonel Bob Flocke of the US army said Ankara's decision to close the bridge had halted the movement of allied military and international relief supplies into the Iraqi border town of Zakho and refugee havens to the east

Later another US officer, Captain Marcella Adams, said the Turkish authorities had reopened the bridge.

In Ankara, a foreign ministry spokesman denied the frontier crossing had been closed. "The border is open. Some journalists were prevented from crossing the border (into northern Iraq) because they did not have accreditation," he said. "The allied relief operation is continuing." *(Reuter)*



Grip and gripe: a crying Kurdish boy clings to his mother's skirt as she collects their food rations from French troops at a depot in northern Iraq yesterday

Fund plan to make Iraq pay for war

From JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK

THE United Nations yesterday proposed the creation of a three-tier fund to ensure that Iraq pays war compensation within "a reasonable period of time". The report came a day after a UN survey found that the damage inflicted on Kuwait by the Iraqi occupation runs into tens of billions of dollars.

Javier Pérez de Cuéllar, the UN secretary-general, told the security council that the compensation fund should be financed by Iraqi oil revenues. But he postponed any decision on setting an upper limit on the percentage of Iraq's oil earnings that can be set aside.

The compensation fund will comprise three branches, of which the governing council, made up of the same 15 nations as the security council, will be the overall policy-making body. Decisions of the council will require nine votes, and, unlike the security council, no country will hold a veto. When the council is deadlocked, disputes can be submitted to the security council. The governing council will be located in New York, Geneva or Vienna.

The second branch, the compensation commission, made up of lawyers, accountants, insurance experts and bankers chosen by the governing council from a list drawn up by the UN secretary-general, will undertake most of the detailed work. The commission will verify and evaluate claims and resolve disputes.

The fund, itself, will be set up as a special account of the United Nations. The governing council will decide what percentage of Iraq's oil revenues is diverted into the fund, provided the figure does not exceed the ceiling set by the secretary-general. Britain has suggested a ceiling of between 25-30 per cent, believed to be the amount Iraq previously spent on arms purchases.

Whatever the level, it will take years for Iraq to pay compensation for the damage it wrought by its invasion of Kuwait. UN officials say Iraq's export revenue before the war, almost entirely oil, was about $17 billion (£9.9 billion) a year.

The UN survey released on Thursday night described the damage to Kuwait alone as "almost incalculable". The 143-page report compiled by Abdulrahim Farah, a UN special envoy, said the oil industry was "in a shambles" and that other vital sectors of the infrastructure were "undermined by systematic sabotage and plunder".

The cost of the burning oil wells was estimated at up to $120 million a day. The report estimated that the loss of oil production caused by the occupation would cost Kuwait $8.5 billion.

Bush denies claims over Iranian hostage deal

From MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

PRESIDENT Bush yesterday angrily denied allegations that he had met Iranian officials in Paris in October 1980 to persuade them to delay the release of 52 American hostages until after the following month's presidential election.

"Was I ever in Paris in 1980? Definitively, definitely no," Mr Bush told reporters in the Oval office. He described as "sickening" allegations that the Reagan-Bush campaign team had made a secret arms-for-delay deal with the Iranians to prevent Jimmy Carter winning re-election. "Let's stop this rumour-mongering," he said.

His spokesman, Marlin Fitzwater, called Gary Sick, the former Carter aide who resurrected the charge, "the Kitty Kelley of foreign policy", a reference to the author of a salacious biography of Nancy Reagan. "It's all trash," he said of the allegations.

Mr Bush's statement was the first time he has ever commented on the "October Surprise" allegations, which have been around for years, but it came at the end of a week in which they had acquired new life.

Following a long article by Mr Sick in *The New York Times*, and encouraged by Mr Carter, congressional Democrats announced that they were conducting an informal enquiry to see whether the charges warrant a formal investigation. On Thursday they interviewed Mr Sick.

Abolhasan Bani-Sadr, the Iranian president at the time, is about to publish a book on the American hostages in Tehran, in which he says he has proof of contacts between Ayatollah Khomeini and the supporters of Ronald Reagan "as early as the spring of 1980". Having at first stalled on whether to grant Mr Bani-Sadr an entry visa for a promotional tour, the US State Department relented on Thursday night and agreed to let him in.

Mr Sick, now a professor of Middle East studies at Columbia University, alleged that Reagan-Bush aides, notably William Casey, the campaign manager, worked secretly to put together the deal with the Iranians at a series of meetings in Washington, Madrid and Paris during 1980. He said he was told by some sources that Mr Bush attended the Paris meetings from October 15 to 20.

Mr Bush "was on the campaign every day of that period. He had a press corps with him. He never went to Paris, and if anybody wants to give me a date I can prove it," Mr Fitzwater said yesterday. "I say: Gary Sick, the Kitty Kelley of foreign policy, you give me a date," Mr Fitzwater said. "You owe the president an apology." He said the Democrats would "look foolish" if they conducted a formal investigation.

Asked if he had ever met any Iranian officials, Mr Bush yesterday replied: "That's all I'm going to tell you."

French have high hopes of summit with Iran

From PHILIP JACOBSON
IN PARIS

FRENCH diplomatic sources have confirmed that President Mitterrand is likely to be the first Western head of state to meet an Iranian leader since the overthrow of the Shah in January 1979. It has not yet been decided whether his encounter with President Rafsanjani will be in Paris or Tehran.

Roland Dumas, the French foreign minister, was talking enthusiastically yesterday of the prospect of greatly improved relations between the two countries as he prepared for his two-day official visit to Iran. According to M Dumas, the first approaches for the proposed meeting had come from Hojatoleslam Rafsanjani and represented the desire of "pragmatic" officials to restore Iranian influence in the world. "The Gulf war and the eclipse of Saddam Hussein have convinced them the threat has receded and that they can now adopt new postures," he said.

During the Gulf crisis, it is now known, M Mitterrand and President Rafsanjani exchanged telephone calls. Some French press reports have suggested that this is when the idea of a Franco-Iranian summit was first raised. It is understood that diplomatic contacts were intensified subsequently and both sides feel that the moment has come for a formal meeting to set the seal on their rapprochement.

The encouraging signals which the French are sending to Tehran include a visit by M Dumas to a refugee camp catering for thousands of Shia Muslims from southern Iraq. The Iranian leadership is bitter about the greater international response to appeals for aid in coping with the Kurdish influx from the Turkish authorities: it is suggested that M Dumas hopes to balance the impact of the recent visit by Danielle Mitterrand, the president's wife, to a Kurdish refugee camp.

The warming of Franco-Iranian relations, which M Dumas confidently predicts will become even closer in future, dates from the decision by both sides to end a long period of overt hostility that culminated in the so-called "war of the embassies". Diplomats from both sides were effectively held hostage as a quarrel developed over allegations that Iran was involved in the wave of terrorist bombings in Paris in the late 1980s.

Mutual hostility was deepened by a long-running financial dispute over the huge debt that the Iranians claimed was owed by French interests on contracts undertaken in the era of the Shah.

The desire of the French to shed their former image in Iran as one of the West's "little Satans" has important financial implications. The reconstruction of Iran after the long war with Iraq is slowly getting under way and contracts worth £88 billion are expected to be at stake.

Hurd tells Kuwait of human rights concerns

Kuwait – Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary, said here yesterday that there was continuing concern in the West about human rights abuses in Kuwait after its liberation by allied forces.

"There is an element of continuing concern," he said after talks with the emir and the crown prince. "That's why I raised the matter. But it is very clearly in the interests of Kuwait that this should be a new chapter in its history. This is understood by the emir."

Amnesty International said last month that Palestinians and others suspected of collaborating with the Iraqi occupiers had been tortured, arbitrarily detained and some had been executed. Mr Hurd said he told Sheikh Jaber al-Ahmed al-Sabah, the emir, that it was "quite understandable that there should be a period of disorder, suspicion, even retaliation immediately after liberation after what people here had been through, but that that period should now be at an end." *(Reuter)*

Ordered out

Diyarbakir – Turkey is expelling Robert Fisk, a correspondent for *The Independent*, because of an article he wrote on alleged looting of Kurdish refugee supplies by Turkish troops, a foreign ministry spokesman said. Mr Fisk was detained on Thursday but allowed to return to his hotel to await expulsion. *(Reuter)*

Navy relents

Subic Bay – The US navy has dropped charges against two Muslim sailors accused of plotting to sabotage an aircraft carrier during the Gulf war, a US navy spokesman said in the Philippines. The decision was made after lawyers interviewed witnesses on board the carrier USS Ranger. *(AP)*

Open house

Kuwait City – Kuwaiti women, capitalising on pressure for democracy and sexual equality, have gained access to the traditional men's club. The *diwaniya* is a regular gathering most neighbourhoods where men discuss everything from politics and local problems to domestic issues. *(Reuter)*

Palace saved

Baghdad – Orders from President Saddam Hussein to blow up his summer palace in an area of northern Iraq controlled by allied troops, have been cancelled, an Iraqi government source said on Thursday that the original order was given to prevent foreign troops using the palace as a base. *(Reuter)*

Concert pledge

New York – Jeffrey Archer, the author, has told Javier Pérez de Cuéllar, the United Nations secretary-general, that he will give the UN half the money raised at next month's Wembley concert to help the Kurds.

Li to press Pyongyang over UN

By DAVID WATTS
DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

LI PENG, the Chinese prime minister, arrived to a spectacular welcome in Pyongyang, the capital of North Korea yesterday, with the delicate mission of trying to persuade President Kim Il Sung, Peking's old comrade-in-arms, on two key issues.

The red-carpet welcome was the sort granted only to true and trusted friends of Pyongyang and the Chinese are the only ones to qualify for it now.

Mr Li must somehow persuade the president that the old days are over and Pyongyang must recognise two facts of diplomatic life: South Korea is determined to apply for United Nations membership this year and it seems likely to get it, and North Korea must allow inspection of its nuclear facilities. Seoul's intention of joining the UN has enraged Pyongyang. Mr Kim insists that the two Koreas should enter as a unified country but the Chinese feel they should go in separately *pro tem*.

Even more worrying for Pyongyang is the fact that China and South Korea have established trade offices in each other's capitals while North Korea can no longer look to Eastern Europe for support.

Hong Kong fears US revolt on China trade

By MARTIN FLETCHER

RELATIONS between the United States and China have sunk to their lowest level since the Killings in Tiananmen Square in June 1989, American officials said yesterday, but they could soon deteriorate further, with disastrous consequences for Hong Kong.

By June 3 President Bush must decide whether to renew China's preferential trading status. He has indicated that he will, arguing that it is imperative to maintain a dialogue with China. But administration officials believe that this year, unlike last, he could be overruled by a Congress whose patience with Peking's excesses is now exhausted.

This would cost China an estimated 25 per cent of its total exports. It would also be a significant blow to Hong Kong, which re-exports substantial amounts of Chinese goods. Peter Lo, minister for Hong Kong economic and trade affairs in Washington, said yesterday that the British colony would lose up to $12 billion (£7 billion) a year, or 7 per cent of its overall trade, and up to 43,000 jobs. "We are very worried," said Mr Lo, who has started a lobbying campaign in Washington.

Robert Kimmitt, the undersecretary of state for political affairs, will arrive in Peking tomorrow on an eleventh-hour salvage mission ordered by Mr Bush. Mr Kimmitt is expected to argue for immediate concessions such as the release of political prisoners and an announcement that China will comply with the international Missile Technology Control Regime.



Bush: keen to maintain dialogue with China

In the past two weeks Mr Bush has adopted a tougher public stand towards China, primarily to strengthen his credibility on Capitol Hill. On Tuesday he banned the sale of American components for a Chinese satellite to protest against Chinese missile sales to unstable countries.

Congressional anger with Peking has been fueled by continued human rights violations, the export of nuclear technology with military potential to Algeria, its plans to sell missiles to Third World countries such as Pakistan and restrictive trading practices that have led to a record surplus, announced yesterday, of $15.1 billion.

To overturn a presidential extension of preferential trading status there would have to be a two-thirds majority in both houses of Congress. Such majorities did not exist last year, but congressmen hostile to China over human rights have now been joined by those alarmed at China's trading practices and a soaring trade deficit, outmatched only by Japan and Taiwan.

If Mr Bush chooses to lobby hard, he may be able to persuade 34 of the 100 senators to vote his way, but officials believe a still greater threat is posed by a bill introduced by Nancy Pelosi, a Democrat, and 60 co-sponsors that would make the extension of preferential trading status conditional on improved human rights policies.

● PEKING: Marshal Dmitri Yazov, the Soviet defence minister, the most senior Soviet military leader to visit China, arrived in Peking yesterday, the Soviet embassy said. China is eager to buy military technology from the Soviet Union, diplomats said. The sides are also trying to reduce military tension along their border. *(Reuter)*

Mandela nephews shot dead

From RAY KENNEDY
IN JOHANNESBURG

THE threat of another weekend of bloodshed was hanging over black townships around Johannesburg last night as the death toll rose to at least 98 after eight days of violence.

Police reported ten more deaths overnight and described the atmosphere in Soweto, between supporters of the African National Congress and the Zulu-based Inkatha Freedom Party, as volatile.

Two nephews of Nelson Mandela, the ANC deputy president, were killed by gunmen at their home in the Zondi district of Soweto. In another incident, Musa Myeni, an Inkatha central committee member, escaped unhurt after a grenade was thrown into his home in Pimville, Soweto.

ANC and Inkatha leaders agreed a truce on Thursday night after a two-hour meeting near the Dube migrant workers' hostel. However, fighting erupted outside the Meadowlands hostel yesterday. Captain Joseph Mogobeni, of the Soweto police, said: "There was intense fighting between two groups. Police rushed to the scene and defused it." The atmosphere at the Dube hostel was tense and residents at Nancefield hostel were setting up roadblocks.

£479m rent demand floors deal on Philippines bases

From VAUDINE ENGLAND
IN MANILA

PROTRACTED negotiations on the future of American bases in the Philippines collapsed yesterday after the United States refused to meet Manila's demand for $825 million (£479 million) in annual compensation. Richard Armitage, the chief American negotiator, left for Washington and no new date was set for the talks to resume over the future of the Clark air base and Subic Bay naval base, the largest American military facilities in Asia.

The unexpected breakdown in negotiations, which have been continuing for nearly a year, occurred in part because Philippine determination to drive a hard bargain was misinterpreted by the Americans as nationalist posturing. American perceptions that the strategic significance of the Philippines is declining were discounted in Manila.

If neither side moves, the current bases treaty will lapse on September 16. The Philippine constitution decrees that the presence of any further bases must be governed by a new treaty, suggesting that the bases would have to be dismantled from September 17. However, legal challenges to that position could postpone a resolution of the impasse until after a change of Philippine government in May next year. "Although ... nobody will begrudge the Philippine side for having tried to do its very best for the citizens of this country, the United States's ability to meet those needs has its limit," Mr Armitage said as he left. "The limit with respect to bases-related compensation has been reached."



The two countries have been negotiating for nearly a year about the fate of Clark and the Subic base, the headquarters of the US Seventh (Pacific) Fleet.

Four smaller American installations are at various stages of handover from US to Philippine control.

The Philippines says that the bases can stay for seven years, at $825 million a year. The Americans want the bases to stay for ten to 12 years, at a rate of $360 million a year. Options under negotiation have included America giving the Philippines some military equipment and possible trade concessions and debt condonation for the Philippines. The Americans have insisted the last two ideas are not possible.

A member of the Philippine negotiating team said Manila still wants to reach an agreement, but President Aquino had thought that the Americans could improve on their $360 million offer. A vocal minority of Filipinos want the bases to go when the lease expires, but a largely pro-American majority want a new deal to be struck.

The surprisingly implacable stance of the Philippine negotiating team reflects a subtle but significant change in Filipino attitudes over recent years. Although Manila wants to maintain a close relationship with America, it does not want to be seen as the subservient partner.

The domestic political risk attached to anyone merely agreeing to American proposals is too great. "The world must understand that we are dealing with a real giant," a member of the Philippine team said at the start of this week's talks. "So at least the Americans have to make this an honourable arrangement." The Americans, for their part, insist that they have been as flexible as possible.

"It's still inconceivable to me that we won't keep the bases," one prominent Philippine businessman said.

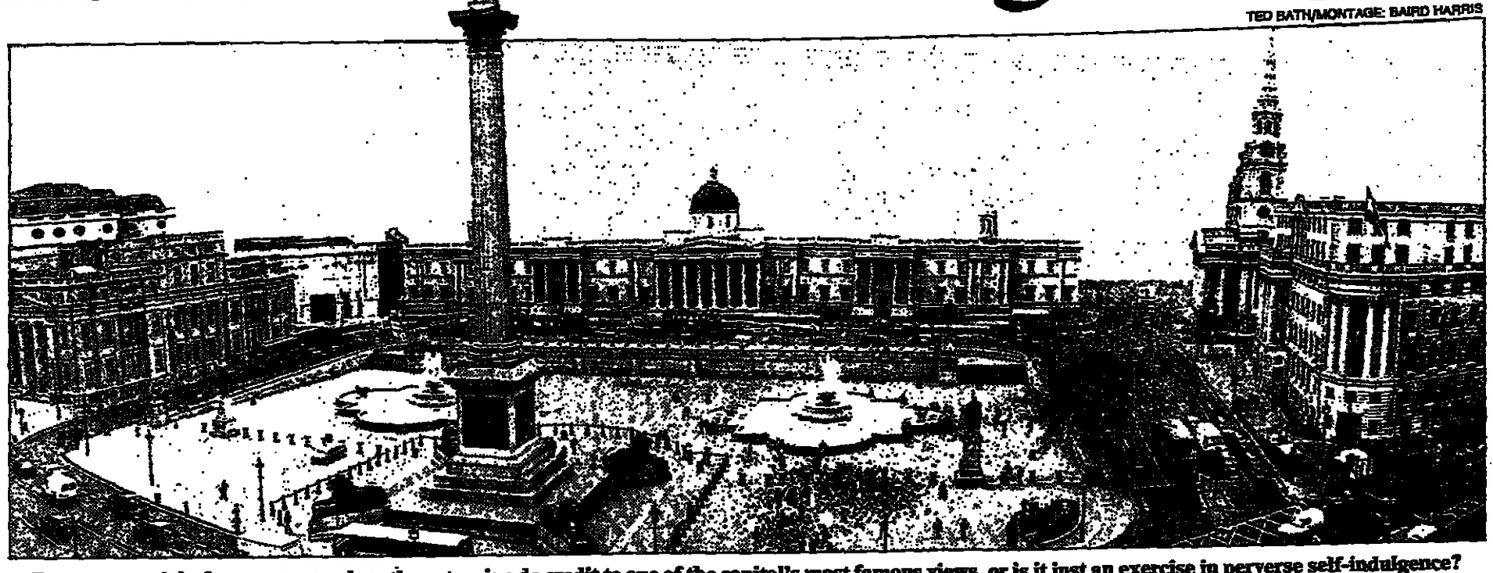
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After a bitter six-year debate, Robert Venturi's National Gallery extension is at last unveiled. How will Londoners react?

The battle of Trafalgar Square

For Gavin Stamp the new Sainsbury wing is a cruel disappointment, worse even than Prince Charles's great carbuncle

TED BATH/MONTAGE: BAIRD HARRIS



Eyesore or a sight for sore eyes — does the extension do credit to one of the capital's most famous views, or is it just an exercise in perverse self-indulgence?

Sir Edwin Lutyens once complained: "All this talk about art is dangerous, it brings the ears so far forward that they act as blinkers to the eyes." Lutyens was partly adopting the anti-intellectual pose typical of his generation, but he had a serious point: architecture is, in the end, justified not by theories but by what a building looks like. A first-rate piece of architecture should not have to be explained. Architecture is an art with its own internal visual and structural logic; so the function of a building should be clear, its articulation rational. The language spoken by the architect may be classical or high-tech, but within its own terms, a building should be a coherent three-dimensional visual statement.

The building that recently emerged to the west of the National Gallery is not at all coherent. Rather, it delights in perversity, irrationality and awkwardness. Although it adopts the Corinthian order of William Wilkins' 1830s building to which it is an annexe, this order is treated with a self-conscious illiteracy. The pilasters, along with other elements derived from Wilkins (string courses, cornices and windows), fade away as the building proceeds along Pall Mall East, until by the time it turns the corner the elevation is little more than a flat stone wall.

Even where the elevation is more elaborate, the details are trivialised and made ridiculous. The moulding under the first-floor windows suddenly disappears, and then reappears, illogically, where mullions of a giant window cut across it. Is this subtle mannerism, or just a huge camp joke played at the expense of the Sainsbury family — and the country?

Of course, classicism is often only skin deep. Seldom is the column a truthful expression of either construction or the internal arrangement of spaces. In his library for Trinity College, Cambridge, for instance, Sir Christopher Wren's superimposed orders give the impression that the two storeys of the building are of equal height, when in truth the library floor lies well below the bases of the upper row of columns.

But Wren was responding to the human need for visual logic, harmony and consistency. Not so the architect of the National Gallery extension: he feels obliged to stress what we know already — that a façade is just a façade — by making huge ugly openings in the apparent visual logic of the Corinthian order.

And that, of course, is the whole point. We are dealing with an architect who is interested not so much in designing a coherent, serviceable building as in making an ironic statement about late-20th-century architecture.

The National Gallery extension is the cruellest disappointment I have ever suffered as an architectural critic. What has emerged in Trafalgar Square makes me reluctantly admit that by comparison James Stirling's design was a model of sense and lucidity. I am even beginning to look favourably on the unfortunate winner of the first, ineptly conducted competition: the design by Ahrends, Burton & Koralek which the Prince of Wales irretrievably damned as a "monstrous carbuncle". It was at least a serious design in its own terms.

In the second, limited competition resulting from the munificent intervention of the Sainsbury family, I favoured (and still do) the design by Piers Gough. But when I learned that the American architects Venturi, Rauch & Scott-Brown had been selected, I was content. Robert Venturi is a highly sophisticated and intelligent architect whose *Complexity and Contradiction in Architecture* (1966) was one of the first and most devastating critiques of the orthodoxies of modernism. The heroes of that book were Borromini, Hawksmoor, Soane, Lutyens: all brilliant and occasionally wayward individualists who could affect the emotions through built form. Venturi lacks that gift. Like many critics, he is unable to translate what he sees into designs of his own. When I first saw his winning design, I thought the judges had made a disastrous decision. Now that it has been realised, I feel the building is an insult both to the National Gallery and to London.

Sir Gilbert Scott once remarked that the trouble with his generation of architects was that they knew too much history. That is certainly true of Venturi. The design is larded with references to Lutyens, Bernini, Soane, Labrouste and other fashionable historical figures, which, I suppose, may amuse historians. But Venturi irritatingly insists on telling us what we do not need to be told. We know the new building is a concrete structure, so there is no need to emphasise that the stone façade is just a façade by separating it from Wilkins' 19th-century elevations with a discontinuous wall of glass.

There are two ways of dealing with the problem of how to add an asymmetrical extension to a formal, symmetrical building. One is to design in subservience to the old, continuing its language with unassertive fidelity (as was achieved in the 1890s around the far corner, towards the National Portrait Gallery). The other is to create a distinct structure. Venturi has fallen between the two and succeeded in neither.

His design is intended to be "both a cadenza and a coda" to the main building. Yet the new wing is quite different. It is formless and ugly as it lurches around the site in a series of arbitrary planes. There is no intellectual satisfaction to be derived from contemplating Venturi's building on its own: only pain at seeing motifs and mouldings made to look ridiculous.

Venturi is not really interested in architecture as built form, only in architecture as an expression of ideas. The executed design cannot be admired as a rationalisation of structural and functional imperatives within an aesthetic system, nor for the careful and logical use of materials.

The real giveaway is the abrupt change from stone to banal brick as the building disappears up Whitcomb Street. The architect's lack of concern with the real stuff of architecture is evident from the railings standing between the Egyptian columns that arbitrarily flank the ground-floor entrances. These railings have wavy finials copied from furniture designs by Lutyens, but they are made of flat sheet metal, as if cut out of cardboard. One blacksmith angrily refused to tender for these gates, rightly regarding the design as an insult to his craft.

At present I can only comment on the exterior of the Sainsbury Wing, but, as the public face, that must always be the most important aspect. The interior plans, however, have been published and are consistent with the overall conception.

Every other competitor adopted a rectilinear plan continuing the right-angle geometry of the original building. The exception was Venturi, who has adopted an arbitrarily skewed plan which relates neither to Wilkins nor to the boundaries of the site. This allows him to play illusionistic tricks with diminishing perspectives, both in the vista from the Wilkins building and in the staircase which rises up from the incoherent lobby space. Bernini did this in the Scala Regia, but that was a response to a tightly confined site. Venturi adopts such devices merely as gimmicks.

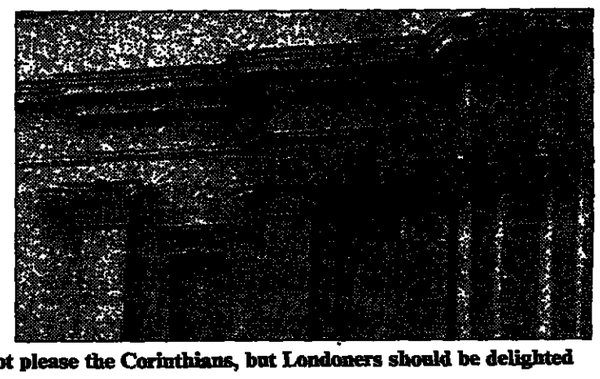
The most tiresome feature of post-modernism is that nothing can be done straight, for that would be too easy, too bourgeois, too boring; if the past is referred to, it must be with self-conscious irony. But Venturi's trouble is that he has become obsessed with complexity and contradiction, forgetting that classical architecture involves (in his own words) "compositional unity and symmetry, big scale, and hierarchies of conventional elements — although combinations of these elements can be contradicted through classical mannerism".

In *From Bauhaus to Our House*, Tom Wolfe perceptively noted that although Venturi's words seemed rebellious, his designs were timid: "Studied closely, Venturi's treatise turns out not to be apostasy at all but rather an agile and brilliant skip along the top of the wall of the compound." His National Gallery extension is a fitting monument to one of the most confused, gutless and meretricious decades in the history of British architecture.

For Simon Jenkins the new building is a dazzling architectural jest that will liven up London

Triumph for a modern master





Venturi's adventure would not please the Corinthians, but Londoners should be delighted

Can London take a joke? The joke is sophisticated and at the expense of two institutions not famous for their sense of humour, the National Gallery and British architecture. The location is a corner of Trafalgar Square and the perpetrator is the American architect Robert Venturi.

The National Gallery has won hands down. Its chairman, Lord Rothschild, and its benefactor, the Sainsbury family, knew what they were about in choosing Venturi for their new Italian Renaissance wing. Although unreserved enthusiasm may not be fashionable among critics, no praise is too great for the most exciting new galleries I have ever seen. Venturi's interiors, his Soanian arches, his long vistas punctuated by dazzling altarpieces, his small contemplative rooms with classical cornices, stone floors and stone-coloured walls, all perfectly complement the art which they house. The Sainsbury Wing, opening in July, is a marvel. Let nobody say that private patronage cannot give Britain quality of the highest order.

But what of the joke? At 65, Venturi remains an architectural oddity. No profession afflicts itself with more crass theorising than architecture; Venturi's innovation in the 1960s was to be specific and witty. He was the boy from the crowd who said the emperors of abstract Modernism were naked. He rephrased Mies van der Rohe's "less is more" as "less is a bore". He was intrigued by the commercial decoration of middle America: pop art, hotdog stands and gas stations, the "messy vitality" of Main Street vernacular. The result delights and infuriates critics. Tom Wolfe has him "skipping, screaming, turning cartwheels on the very edge of [Modernism's] monastery walls". Venturi mocked the "dreadful solemnity and high seriousness of modern architecture". To Wolfe, his work was the Big Wink.

The streets of London are less pompous, more informal than the glass-and-concrete canyons against which Venturi railed. New buildings may conflict and contrast with their neighbours, but they must acknowledge their presence. London needs not visual demolition but careful infilling, the pleasant surprise rather than constant shock. Of no corner is this more true than the benighted north-west of Trafalgar Square. Here, without too much offence, Venturi could put into practice what he described (to the critic Stephen Games) as "exaggerating common-or-garden features . . . while subverting convention".

Rivals in the original gallery competition proposed to deposit on the site what architects love to call "statements". Venturi has chosen classical irony. He picks up the rhythm of Wilkins' National Gallery, syncopates it, plays a couple of chords and then executes a dying fall as the building turns towards Pall Mall.

Trafalgar Square was never symmetrical, like the Place de la Concorde. It is a *campo* of weak façades mildly embarrassed by each other's presence. Venturi manages both to acknowledge them and to laugh at them. He takes each component of Wilkins' Corinthian order and "deconstructs" it. The dentils go, the string courses disappear, the window openings become shallower. As a final wave to the square, he presents an attached Nelson's Column, fluting, acanthus and all. He then turns to the side street, Pall Mall East, and to modest Whitcomb Street, easing the eye down to pavement level with colourful single-storey pillars framing shop windows. The unavoidably blank façade of a gallery exterior is broken by patterned brickwork and a stone cornice line.

Here on a small and awkward site is a building that both sustains a presence across a large square and fits comfortably into the adjacent streetscape. That it also contains rooms of surpassing grandeur merely adds to its brilliance. The contrast with the government-designed 1970s National Gallery extension to the north shows what a vast stride London architecture has made.

To complain that the citizens of Corinth would be shocked at such liberties taken with their beloved order of architecture is absurd. The Sainsbury Wing is a variation on a timeless theme, as flexible and enjoyable today as it was to Smythson and Inigo Jones, to Vanbrugh and Soane and Lutyens. The joy of historical mannerism lay not just in its variety, but in illusion, in playing the visual tricks of the theatrical designer. Jones and Vanbrugh both understood the art of theatre. Venturi comprehends that of exhibition.

Behind his façade, visitors are invited to a serious endeavour, to commune with some of Europe's great devotional paintings. At night his magnificent lighted staircase will be seen from across the square, rising and broadening past a stone palazzo wall. This is pierced by classical windows and decorated with the names of the great artists displayed within. As there is no entrance charge, this staircase will surely become London's Spanish Steps. My only regret is that it is not open to the skies, mitigating the building's weakest feature, the blackness in daylight of the sheet glass.

To encase such seriousness in humour is a gamble. The humour is spectacular: perverse, intellectual, whimsical. Like much humour, it will pain the academic purist. But what is life without humour, and what is classicism without a joke? How John Betjeman and Osbert Lancaster would love the row now in prospect! London's architecture has been bleak for too long. Venturi has transformed it with a gust of wit.

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MATTHEW PARRIS

Travelling by train to Scotland recently, I fell into the company of some medical students from Guy's Hospital. When they learned that I am a political sketch writer, they told me a wonderful tale. They swore it was true, and I believe them.

In cases of suspected brain damage, they said, doctors administer a simple test to establish whether the patient retains his most elementary faculties of long-term memory. It consists of a few very simple questions.

"What is your name?" is the first, followed by "Count from one to ten" and "What is Britain's capital city?" One of the most reliable indicators of all used to be this staple question: "Who is the prime minister?" It had been asked of confused or brain-damaged patients for as long as anyone could remember.

Until the advent of Mrs Thatcher, that is. At the end of the first decade of her premiership, the hospital abandoned the question. "Why?" I asked.

"Everybody knew the answer," replied my travelling companions. Even people who had forgotten their own names knew that Mrs Thatcher was prime minister. People who couldn't count knew it. Patients who appeared in other respects to be virtually comatose would automatically murmur "Mrs Thatcher". To ask the question was no longer testing anything important about a person's brain function. So it was dropped."

So I was not surprised when a rumour reached me this week that someone at 10 Downing Street who ought to know better (I must protect my sources), intending to explain to a colleague that Mrs Thatcher was on the line, recently announced "It's the prime minister".

An informal dining club has been formed at Stirling University called the Bring Her Back Club, and one of the rules is that Mrs Thatcher is at all times to be spoken of as "the prime minister". And, though I believe that both at No 10 and at Stirling the news will eventually filter through that Mrs Thatcher is not prime minister, something far more important persists in the mind of every Briton, however dazed, confused or mentally enfeebled.

It is the knowledge that Mrs Thatcher *is*. I believe that we should revise Descartes. *Cogito, ergo sum* misses the point. Mrs Thatcher is, therefore I am.

Do you remember the philosopher's conundrum, that a ship voyaging to Colchis may have each of its timbers replaced in turn, yet remain the same ship? What, the philosopher continues, constitutes identity? If every cell in my body is replaced, over time, is it still me? How do I know?

The answer is now clear. It is the persistence of knowledge of Mrs Thatcher that constitutes identity. I know I am today because I know she is, today. I know I am who I was yesterday, because I remember knowing that she was, yesterday. Was I "I" and were you "you", in 1979? Of course we were: we voted for her, didn't we? These things are somehow elemental. The only way Mr Kinnock knew that he was leader of the opposition was that Mrs Thatcher was prime minister. That is why he is looking confused these days.

My philosophy lecturers told me that "Bachelors are unmarried" is a tautology. It is necessarily the case and therefore is not a significant statement (except to someone seeking definitions). "But Wilbur is an unmarried man" is a significant statement, precisely because it might be true, but does not have to be. Some have argued that no statement could fall into both categories. The great claim of the moral philosopher Kant is that some truths do: self-evident, necessary, derivable from first principles, and yet significant.

Mrs Thatcher came too late to give Kant living proof of his thesis. Yet it is likely that, although he was never able to write "Mrs Thatcher is", in some deep sense he always knew she would be. Our children will certainly know she was.

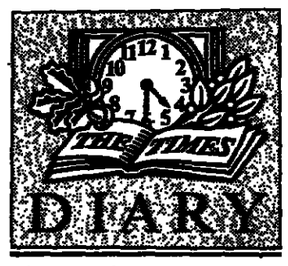
With Voltaire, I think we can say that if she had not existed, it would have been necessary to invent her. I rather think we did.

Oh, I forgot to tell you the end of the students' tale. Now that there is a new PM, the doctors decided to reinsert the "Who is prime minister?" question into their test. But they have had to drop it.

"Why?" I asked.

"Too many people don't know the answer. Even quite healthy people, with normal brain functions, were getting it wrong. It was too difficult a question."

Starry eyed and critical



When Arnold Wolfendale was appointed Astronomer Royal five months ago, John Major probably expected him to observe the age-old tradition in such posts of offering advice only when asked. Instead, he has angered his political masters by appealing to the public to join him in lobbying MPs and government for more science funding.

Like the Master of the Queen's Musick, Malcolm Williamson, and the Poet Laureate, Ted Hughes, Wolfendale's post is largely honorary, and his predecessors have conventionally stayed out of the political arena. But to the government's embarrassment, Wolfendale is emerging as one of the most vociferous critics of its science policy. Since his appointment, scarcely a week has passed without a missive to Kenneth Clarke, the education and science secretary, asking why he is not spending more on science.

"When I received the letter of appointment from the prime minister, I was told that one of my functions was to offer advice to the government," says Wolfendale. "It did not say whether it should be solicited or unsolicited. I have chosen to give unsolicited advice."

Not only has the 63-year-old professor of physics at Durham University lobbied his colleagues in the Royal Astronomical Society to join his campaign, he has now urged the public to press MPs for an increase in the annual £900 million available to research councils.

"The amount has not kept pace with inflation," says Wolfendale, who has had one meeting with Clarke and says their relations are cordial. "Many projects are at risk. Although I am only responsible for astronomy, I believe it is up to me to make a case for science generally. We are falling behind other countries. For a nation like Britain, which can boast scientists like Newton and Faraday, this is a tragedy."

Ever since Charles II appointed the first Astronomer Royal, John Flamsteed, the post has led to a knighthood. If he keeps up his campaign, Wolfendale is in with a chance of breaking another of the job's traditions.

● *What do you call an assembly of crime writers? The question was put to an impressive gathering of them this week in Skinners Hall, London, where Ruth Rendell was awarded the Cartier Diamond Dagger for her fictional murders. The creator of Inspector Wexford was at a loss, but Catherine Aird, outgoing chairman of the Crime Writers Association, had the answer. "We are a corpus," she declared confidently.*

Coarse célèbre

What's in a name? Rather a lot for the inhabitants of the remote Irish west coast town of Kiltimagh (pronounced "cultcheema"), who have become embroiled in a major row involving the Irish government and the compilers of *The Oxford English Dictionary*.

The trouble started with the *OED*'s plan to include the word "culchie" in the next edition. The word has long been used in Ireland to describe citizens of Kiltimagh who emigrated to Dublin. Later it came to be loosely applied to any person who moved from a rural to an urban area.

Initially the residents of Kiltimagh were delighted to learn that they were about to be recognised in the world's greatest dictionary. But pleasure turned to anger when they discovered that the *OED* editors proposed the definition "a rough country fellow".

Local businessman John Higgins says: "Townspeople feel it is an unfair and unflattering definition and we have sought to have it changed". Their complaints have been endorsed by Padraig Flynn, the Irish environment minister, and the editors are now reviewing their initial definition. "We will take on board the observations of the people of Kiltimagh," says a spokeswoman. Good, says Flynn. "Culchies are very sophisticated people and the definition must reflect that." Should we expect similar representations from the Philistines?



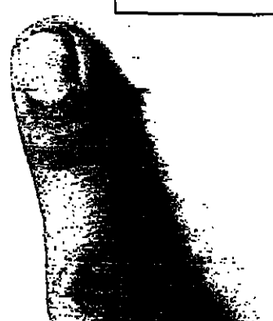
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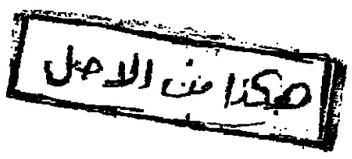
Having lost many friends by first attacking John Major and then last week denouncing Jacques Delors as a fascist, the Bruges Group has been delighted to discover that it at least has God on its side. Or so the magazine *Prophecy Today* says in an extraordinary article claiming that anti-federalism is firmly enshrined in scripture.

The Bible makes clear that God's plan did not include the concept of a European superstate, says Michael Wilson, associate editor. Genesis tells us that after the flood the entire world spoke one language, its people formed one community and held a single vision. But God recognised the dangers, argues Wilson, deploying a flurry of quotes from Genesis, Jeremiah and Zechariah to show that it was for sound political reasons that the Almighty diffused man's language and established boundaries to encourage the growth of separate communities.

But one wonders why Wilson stops there. "Who made thee a prince and a judge over us?" in the book of Exodus is clearly a prophecy of the plaintive cry of captive Englishmen to the tyrant Delors. Wilson and his fellow followers of the Bruges bible should, however, tread warily. What, for example, of Ephesians 25: "We are members one of another?" An EC directive could scarcely have put it better.

● *When Wayne Eagling danced for the last time at Covent Garden this week, one man shared the stage for his final bows. Known simply as Julian, his role as the flunkey who brings on bouquets at the end of performances does scant justice to his true significance. For more than 20 years, everyone from Placido Domingo to Rudolf Nureyev has turned to him, and without his blessing no performance is complete. Above all, he is credited with the discovery of Covent Garden's recipe for calming first-night butterflies. The aroma which the lucky few in the front row of the stalls may have detected at the opening of Cyrano de Bergerac was nothing more than the cast sucking Julian's polo mints.*







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AS THEY WERE

There will not now be a June election, but with the two main parties so close in the opinion polls, there was not going to be one anyway. There may be an autumn election, but that too will depend on what the polls show when the leaves start to brown. While Thursday's local elections in non-metropolitan England and Wales appear to have been bad news for the Tories, better for Labour and the Liberal Democrats, everything is still to play for. This is the one nationwide conclusion that may be drawn from the mosaic of local colour. The campaign was a dismal event nationally. The result was refreshingly variegated locally.

The results defy all analytic effort to reduce them to order and pattern. One by one, generalisations stumble on the rock of exception. "The Liberal Democrats did well only in their strongholds"; how then to explain their triumph at Gosport? "Labour recovered lost ground in the South"; why then did it lose seats in Basildon? "The West Midlands is still weak for Labour"; yet the Tories failed to hold Solihull, the jewel in their Midland crown.

Between regions, within regions, even within individual councils, the results vary in a way that only familiarity with local issues and local personalities explains. Conservative councillors in west Oxford who had rebelled against the poll tax were returned; official Tories who had not were defeated. Labour captured wards in Derby that they should have lost, but failed to capture wards that they should have won. In Bath, where the Liberal Democrat revival must give Chris Patten, the Tory party chairman, nervous nights, some Tory councillors *and* some Liberal Democrats increased their majorities.

In one regard only did the electorate perform as the pundits had predicted. The overall results show that the two main parties are neck-and-neck, albeit with a lower share of the vote each than the polls showed. This does not contradict an emphasis on local factors. At a national level, such factors tend to cancel each other out. What works for one party in borough A may work against it in borough B; and every party has its share of outstanding and of awful candidates.

The parties did not hesitate to draw national conclusions from their own calculations. Labour and the Liberal Democrats were both yesterday competing to outdo each other in triumphalism. Labour pointed to its performance in key marginals, though this, as Professor Ivor Crewe's analysis on page five reveals, was patchy. The Liberal Democrats dwelt on their share of the vote, at least a third higher than the national polls have given them. The Conservatives emphasised their recovery since the depths of their unpopularity under Mrs Thatcher's leadership.

Such competitive hucksterism is understandable. But nothing is known today about the electoral scene in the spring of 1991 that was not known before the vote was cast. Opinion polls are a more reliable indicator than local voting of the state of the parties nationally. They take a national sample (whereas yesterday's voting omitted London and Scotland altogether). They are not biased by differential turnout or by local factors; nor by the apparent willingness of electors to vote Liberal Democrats onto councils where they choose Labour or Tory candidates when voting for a prime minister at Westminster.

The results of the general election, when it comes, will depend principally on factors which were not apparent in yesterday's local elections. Will the economy recover? How will people feel about the promises to abolish the poll tax when they actually receive this year's bills? How credible do the party leaders look during a campaign? As an aid to forecasting, yesterday's results are next to useless. As instruments of democratic accountability, they are valuable.

DISASTER IN THE DELTA

The destructive ferocity of nature is remote from the lives of most people in Britain. The mere notion of a tidal wave over 20 feet high sweeping across islands and coastal lowlands as flat as Norfolk is unthinkable. In Bangladesh such "freak" weather conditions are by no means unusual during the pre-monsoon season. Some half a million people died in the 1970 cyclone. Floods struck again in 1988. Last Monday's cyclone, at first played down by the authorities, is believed to have killed well over 100,000 Bangladeshis, and the figure is rising daily. Western agencies, voluntary and governmental, are embarking on another relief operation. What can be done?

Whether or not this week's disaster is indeed Bangladesh's worst in living memory (as its prime minister, Begum Khaleda Zia, decided on Thursday) will become clear only when communications are restored. Efforts to replace the Bangladeshi government's stocks of food and medicine, announced by the European Community with Britain and France adding additional funds, have been prompt. Begum Zia's government puts the short-term cost at £30 million, of which most has already been pledged by America, Europe and Japan.

This first response might meet immediate needs but local stocks will quickly be exhausted. While limited food aid may be needed to replace damaged crops, the danger is that the already precarious economy of the region could be undermined. Bangladesh must not be a dumping ground for food and pharmaceutical surpluses, least of all surpluses that will merely wreck the local farm economy.

The donors must avoid jumping to conclusions about what is likely to be needed. Cholera can be prevented cheaply and effectively or expensively and erratically. Clean drinking water is easier to provide and more likely to work than mass inoculation. Expensive field hospitals may well be less useful than relatively cheap treatments, especially for the diarrhoea which is believed to kill an average of 300,000 Bangladeshi children even in a cyclone-free year.

In the medium term, a programme of closely monitored loans for infrastructure projects and private enterprises should be underwritten by Western governments, the World Bank and voluntary organisations, if Bangladesh is not to regress again after encouraging steps towards self-sufficiency in food. Ironically, the improvement in food production was in part bought at the price of cultivating low-lying areas which are impossible to protect against typhoons. Farming the fertile islands of the Ganges delta is more like farming the slopes of Mount Vesuvius than the flatlands of 17th-century Holland. As the mainland of Bangladesh has the highest rural population density on earth, it is not surprising that many farmers take the risk of settling only just above sea level.

Britain has a special responsibility to ensure that Bangladesh is not pushed to the back of the queue of disaster victims. London is home to the largest Bangladeshi community in Europe and Britain's experience in the region is great. The Royal Navy sent several warships to assist stranded islanders after the 1970 cyclone. This time there are other means of helping the energetic Bangladeshi agencies to help themselves. Helicopters are urgently needed. Bangladesh has only six to its name. Cheaper forms of transport — boats and lorries — will be no less essential. After John Major's rebuke to the United Nations secretary-general for his slow response to the Kurdish crisis, the British government must be seen to take the lead on Bangladesh.

STICKS AND STONES

"It is the fate of those who toil at the lower employments of life," wrote Samuel Johnson, "to be exposed to censure without hope of praise . . . Among these unhappy mortals is the writer of dictionaries . . . Every other author may aspire to praise; the lexicographer can only hope to escape reproach." The toilers in the lower employ of the Oxford English Dictionary are yet again suffering reproach, this time by the inhabitants of a small town in Ireland.

The word "culchie", long applied to citizens of Kiltimagh who emigrate to Dublin, has become an all-purpose Irish term for hicks from the sticks moving to the city. When the OED proposed to define it as "a rough country fellow", the people of Kiltimagh were not amused. No less a man than the Irish environment minister, Padraig Flynn, has taken up their cause.

The OED has been here before. In the early 1970s it was taken to law, a case which it finally won in the High Court, over the right to include disparaging versions of the word "Jew". The plaintiff, a Jewish businessman, claimed the inclusion was hurtful to the Jewish people. The OED cited its duty to scholarship.

Despite its victory, the OED like most modern dictionaries now inserts signposts into its text. The 1958 version of the concise OED described the derogatory definition of Jew — "extortionate usurer, driver of hard bargains" — simply as colloquial. The latest edition so bristles with signposts that the way is almost blocked by them: "*sl. offens.* (as a stereotype) a person considered to be parsimonious or to drive a hard bargain in trading. The stereotype, which is now deeply offensive, arose from historical associations of Jews as moneylenders in medieval England."

Societies will always have taboo words. In the 19th century they were sexual. In the 20th they are racial. All languages and races seem to need their butts. The British tell jokes about the Irish, the Irish about people who live in Cork. To welsh on somebody in English is to swindle him. The Germans mock the Poles: inefficiency in German is known as *polnische Wirtschaft*. Traditional enemies vilify each other. Running away as soon as a battle starts is called *filer à l'Anglaise* in French, but "taking French leave" in English. The British are not so polite about The Netherlands, either. The Dutch can only summon up courage after a drink.

Even unintended racial slurs can be offensive. The UN ambassador to Zaire complained when the Iraqi ambassador called his Kuwaiti counterpart a pygmy. The Iraqi claimed that a better translation of his Arabic word was "dwarf", and pride was salved. Yet the latter would have gone down badly in America. Yesterday's polite term becomes today's insult and tomorrow's accepted version. "Black" used to be offensive, then *de rigueur*, now American blacks want to be called African-Americans instead. "Queer" used to be common usage, then derogatory. Militant homosexuals are now reclaiming the word.

It is as much as a lexicographer can do to keep up. But keep up they must. One American dictionary in the 1960s removed the word "nigger" altogether. That must be wrong. A dictionary's job is to map the language, not pass judgment on it.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Lords ignored on war crimes bill

From Lord Shawcross, QC

Sir, Your Diarist (May 2) is quite wrong to suggest that I and other peers have made an "about turn" in regard to conflicts between the House of Commons and the House of Lords.

I still entirely accept that the Lords should not obstruct legislation for which the government has a mandate from the electorate. This view was embodied in the Salisbury/Addison Convention of 1949 and I expressly referred to it in my recent speech in the Lords.

The government had a clear mandate in 1949 for the nationalisation legislation. Not so the wretched War Crimes Bill. This was never part of government policy as put to the electorate and there is no kind of mandate from the people, which may have been one of the reasons why Mr John Major voted against it when it first came to the Commons.

The Bill was approved by less than half the membership of the Commons and the only mandate that minority had was from the powerful Wiesenthal Institute. I fully anticipated that the Parliament Act might be applied but, in complete agreement with all you say in your leading article (May 2), I cannot regard it as an appropriate occasion for its use.

Yours faithfully,
HARTLEY SHAWCROSS,
House of Lords.

From Lord Inglewood, MEP for Cumbria and Lancashire North (European Democrat (Conservative))

Sir, It is a pity that the constitutional arguments relating to the War Crimes Bill do not appear to have focused sufficiently on whether or not the substance of the Bill will be in breach of the European Convention on Human Rights. It is certainly arguable that it will.

The spectacle of the House of Commons "railroading" such legislation, without so much as a further pause for thought, is sorry and shameful.

Yours faithfully,
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European Parliament,
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1047 Brussels, Belgium.

From Canon R. J. Halliburton

Sir, It seems to me appalling that the Speaker of the House and the Prime Minister should be seen to be prepared to invoke the Parliament Acts on what, by the widest stretch of the imagination, is not a national issue. No one is condoning what might or might not have been done by those who, in the miseries of war, took the desperate steps that have been so tragically repeated by one totalitarian leader after another. But my fear is that the proposed action will be seen as a deliberate attack on the wisdom of counsellors in the Lords.

This is a time when Mr Major, having created some significant new peers, needs all the support he can find. He would be wiser to defer and allow time for reconsideration.

Yours faithfully,
R. J. HALLIBURTON,
8B Amen Court, EC4.

From Mr Gerard Noel

Sir, In the celebrated case of Joyce v the DPP (1946), the House of Lords, acting as a court of law and on appeal, changed English law in order to procure the conviction of William Joyce as a traitor. He was at no time in his life a British subject and was living in Germany at the time of his alleged treason. The principle under which he was finally convicted (temporary possession of a British passport) was no part of English law until so made (retrospectively) after the war.

The decision to hang Joyce was made imperative by populist demand for the death of the hated "Lord Haw Haw". It was only by a strange mixture of "moral" and legalistic arguments that the Lords, on April 30, so narrowly adhered to their previous decision — by a much bigger majority — to oppose the War Crimes Bill.

Joyce, though a loathsome individual, may thus, ironically, yet have the last grisly laugh.

Yours faithfully,
GERARD NOEL,
Herald House,
Lamb's Passage,
Bunhill Row, EC1.

From Mr F. Ashe Lincoln, QC

Sir, Janet Daley (article, May 3) is wrong in saying that in the War Crimes Bill "we are assuming a right we have never claimed before to prosecute evil acts committed outside Britain".

We always had the right to prosecute British subjects here for murder committed outside Britain. The War Crimes Bill was necessary because the murderers were not British subjects at the time of their crimes.

Yours truly,
F. ASHE LINCOLN,
9 Kings Bench Walk,
Temple, EC4.

From Mr John L. Marshall, MP for Hendon South (Conservative)

Sir, Your editorial of May 2, entitled "Pyrrhic victory", refers to "retrospection". But the Bill does not criminalise actions which were legal when they were committed. Murder — particularly mass murder — has always been a crime. There has never been a statute of limitation upon murder.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN L. MARSHALL,
House of Commons.
May 3.

Ulster: fears of failure, fears of change

From Professor S. F. Lee

Sir, Conor Cruise O'Brien (April 30) claims that the current talks on Northern Ireland seem bound to fail, that they serve no purpose, and that there is no political solution to the violence. Each of his claims is wrong.

The talks are by no means bound to fail. Even if they do, they have already served a purpose, merely by happening at all (I, for one, feel safer living in Northern Ireland, given the paramilitaries' ceasefires which have accompanied the opening of the talks) and the harsh reality is that there is *only* a political solution.

There are three levels on which relationships have improved. First, innumerable cross-community initiatives have helped bridge divides. Second, there is the international level of good relationships between the London and Dublin governments and the support of other governments in Europe and the US; the Anglo-Irish Agreement has enabled the two governments to survive incidents (such as the Stalker affair, extradition disputes and miscarriages of justice) which would have soured relationships in earlier times.

It is only because of the dramatic strides forward on these two fronts that the third level, relationships between our regional politicians, is now in the limelight.

Tim Jones (report, May 1) regurgitates Winston Churchill's piece of nonsense about the "integrity of the quarrel". On the contrary, everything here has changed, as the above illustrations suggest. As we approach 1992 it is easier to see Northern Ireland as a region in a Europe of regions than it was at the height of the troubles 20 years ago, when neither the United Kingdom nor the Republic of Ireland were members of the European Community. Nationalists and Unionists agree that there is some kind of regional identity and some kind of link to Europe.

Many of us living in Northern Ireland hope that out of these talks can emerge a regional assembly of all the talents, together with some institutional link between north and south, perhaps contingent on changes in the republic's constitution, and improved procedures for dealing with those Northern Ireland matters which remain the responsibility of Westminster.

If the talks break down there will be great sadness here, but it will not have been in vain. Northern Ireland's greatest problem is fear, not only fear of violence but also fear of the unknown, fear of change. These talks can help promote freedom from fear.

Yours faithfully,
SIMON LEE,
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Belfast BT7 1NN.
May 1.

Talking to workers

From Professor Lord Wedderburn of Charlton, QC, FBA

Sir, Mr Richard Price of the CBI (May 2) dislikes the description by Mr Norman Willis of the TUC (April 30) of the proposed Community Directive for workers' rights of information and consultation in undertakings of European-scale as a "broad legal framework". Yet the Directive would leave the machinery of consultation to be determined largely by agreement in a flexible manner.

The draft Directive, it is true, lays down a minimum floor to ensure that these rights are not evaded — for example, its requirement that workers in these transnational enterprises should have the right to be informed and consulted about management proposals "likely to have serious consequences for the employees of the undertaking". In several other Community countries workers have rights of this kind. In Britain as yet they do not.

The core of the British government's objection to the Directive is its objection to there being enforceable *rights* for workers. That is why the secretary of state's recent initiative (report, April 23) proposed steps backed at Community level, not by a binding Directive, but by a Recommendation which would not create legal obligations.

Unhappily the CBI seems to share this approach. Mr Price objects to the Directive because it is precise (which is true), detailed (which is true as to the legal floor) and highly prescriptive. This last factor is the crucial one. The issue is not whether the CBI will continue to encourage employee involvement when it suits management, good so far as it goes, but whether it will accept a minimum standard of rights for workers in Britain of the kind known in many other countries whose employers have not thereby lost their competitive edge against us.

Yours sincerely,
WEDDERBURN of CHARLTON,
House of Lords.
May 2.

Bowled over

From Miss Bridget Cushen

Sir, On the same day as the government was releasing details of its campaign for a healthier Britain, with the responsibility for ultimate success lying heavily on the shoulders of women, the MCC's annual general meeting was busy finding trivial excuses to prevent Rachael Heyhoe-Flint from reaping the rewards from the sport she has served so long and so faithfully (report, May 2).

She is not allowed into the pavilion at Lord's, even on important match days. Why not? Who has done more to promote cricket to both boys and girls? Meanwhile, schoolmasters, retired and under-25 members can enjoy a reduction in their subscriptions and admission to the pavilion.

Yours faithfully,
BRIDGET CUSHEN (Women's delegate, World Association of Veteran Athletes),
156 Mitcham Road,
West Croydon, Surrey.
May 2.

From Mr J. D. S. Graham

Sir, The MCC made a special arrangement by which the prime minister could jump the waiting-list queue and become a member (report, April 25). This week it voted against the admission of women.

To resign from the MCC would be discourteous to the small number of people who facilitated the prime minister's membership. Not to resign from the MCC would be discourteous to a majority of the country's citizens, not merely all women but a great many men as well.

Yours faithfully,
J. D. S. GRAHAM,
21 Warwick Avenue, W9.
May 3.

Over the sea to Skye

From Mr Nicholas Baker MP for Dorset North (Conservative)

Sir, My colleague, John M. Taylor, MP for Solihull, discusses (April 29) the journey made by Bonnie Prince Charlie over the sea to Skye.

Now the prince may well have been travelling to Skye from Benbecula and not from the mainland, as Mr Taylor says. However, he suggests as evidence that the mainland/Skye passage is not long enough to sustain a rendition of the Skye boat song.

The distance between Kyle of Lochalsh, the next point on the mainland, and Skye is about three-quarters of a mile. Five minutes by ferry today and longer by rowing boat then. Certainly long enough (as I have tested myself) for the heroic song and several encores, and considerably further than Mr Taylor's four iron which will give you 180 or at most 210 yards. Or are the golfers of Solihull possessed of superhuman skills denied to the rest of us?

Yours faithfully,
NICHOLAS BAKER,
House of Commons.

From Mr R. J. Rickards

Sir, I cannot shed too many tears for Richard Gollin and his road from Timsgarry to Stornaway on the Isle of Lewis (April 29). He lives in one of the most beautiful places on earth, and he has already seen quite enormous improvements to the road.

Perhaps he might shed a tear for me, stuck on the M25, or queuing by the hour for the Dartford tunnel, as he cruises effortlessly along on traffic-free roads through stupendous scenery.

Yours etc.,
DICK RICKARDS,
The Hoath Farm,
Bekesbourne Lane,
Canterbury, Kent.

Accident causes

From the Chairman of the Medical Commission on Accident Prevention

Sir, Your leading article of April 25, "Taking a running jump", clouds a very important aspect of injury prevention. Consideration of the "hidden cause" and human factor behind many accidental injuries does not diminish the value of making the interface between man and his environment safer, with the obvious benefit of reducing the number and severity of injuries.

You imply that the value of seat-belt legislation has been negated by disinhibiting falsely secure drivers; but the dramatic reduction in injuries and deaths from road accidents, and in particular the reduction in severe facial injuries, shows that this is clearly not the case. In 1985 the Birmingham University accident research unit found that front seat-belt legislation had led to a 23 per cent reduction in death and serious injury.

Finally, some statistical errors in your leading article, and in the report which you carried in the same issue, need correction. Slips and falls account for three million injuries per year, not the 500,000 which you quote (these were pavement accidents); and falls from stairs in the home amount to 235,000, not 10,000.

Yours sincerely,
DAVID EVANS, Chairman,
Medical Commission on Accident Prevention,
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From the Chief Executive of Arthritis Care

Sir, Your light-hearted attitude to the report on the half a million people injured each year through slipping or tripping ignores the fact that we are not all able to run or jump or even break into a trot when we want to.

This deplorable view is one of the reasons why so many people with disabilities find life so difficult. Is it really not worth even making surfaces and pavements level because it may encourage people to run faster along them?

Yours sincerely,
JEAN GAFFIN,
Chief Executive,
Arthritis Care,
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April 25.

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General's role in battle for Crete

From Colonel Lord Freyberg

Sir, Your Diary item today about the role of General Freyberg in the battle for Crete mentions Antony Beevor's forthcoming book. The book says that my father, General Freyberg, who was in command of Allied Forces in Crete in May 1941, misunderstood and misread the Ultra intelligence with which he was provided, and failed to take the necessary remedial action.

This is not correct. Freyberg indeed was warned on May 11, 1941, that the whole of the initial German assault on Crete was coming by air, and that the seaborne force was not due to appear until D plus 3, but he was not permitted to act on the information.

A letter from General Wavell, C-in-C Middle East, to Freyberg, dated May 8, 1941, makes it clear that Wavell himself had briefed Freyberg about Ultra, but had forbidden him to mention the source to anyone else on Crete. My father told me about this briefing shortly before he died in 1963, when Ultra was still highly classified.

The rules governing the use of Ultra were extremely clear and very strict. Commanders in the field were never allowed to act on information derived from Ultra alone. This rule could be relaxed only on specific instructions from London, and even Wavell did not have the authority to vary the order.

Freyberg had the complete German operational plan in his possession nine days before the attack began on May 20, but he was not allowed to make use of it. He told me that Brigadier Eric Dorman-Smith, acting director of military operations at GHQ Cairo, instructed him to warn Wavell that Crete could not be held unless the Ultra rule was changed. This was because most of the troops were still deployed along the beaches instead of being on or near to the airfields.

Wavell replied by special air courier letter on May 13, reaffirming the prohibition on redeployment, saying that the authorities in England would sooner lose Crete than risk jeopardising the Ultra secret. As Martin Gilbert put it, in *Finest Hour: Winston S. Churchill, 1939-1941*, "had the Germans learnt that Britain was decrypting the Enigma messages, the single most important British advantage of the war would have been irretrievably lost".

Wavell later recommended Freyberg for the KBE for his services in Greece and Crete. It is unlikely that he would have done so if Freyberg had not carried out his orders implicitly, in spite of the personal cost to his own military reputation.

Yours faithfully,
FREYBERG,
Munstead House,
Godalming, Surrey.
April 30.

ODA priorities

From the Minister for Overseas Development

Sir, Britain's overseas development programmes are designed to promote sustainable development which will help to reduce the risk of famine in the future. We must also respond effectively when disaster occurs and we certainly do not finance prestige projects, as Marc Gordon (May 2) seems to think. Every project is subject to economic and technical appraisal to ensure that it produces a real benefit to the recipients and value for money for Britain.

We repeatedly make it clear that those countries which adopt sound economic policies and practise good government will get our support. We work closely with the IMF and the World Bank to develop economic liberalisation and promote free markets.

Marc Gordon says that we should encourage private-sector activity, free trade and political, legal and economic conditions for successful growth in the Third World. This is precisely what we are doing.

Yours etc.,
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May 2.

Snookered

From Mr H. R. Underhill

Sir, The snooker player with a lead greater than the value of the balls left on the table (letters, May 1, 2, 3) could be described as "in surplus"; or, if that is too prosaic, as simply, "cosy".

Yours faithfully,
H. R. UNDERHILL,
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Chichester, West Sussex.

From Mr H. J. Wildbore

Sir, Could we, perhaps, borrow "potbound" from horticulture for the player needing snookers?

Yours faithfully,
H. J. WILDBORE,
Shoreham Cottage, 1 Beech Manor,
Pontesbury, Shropshire.

From Mr Malcolm Boyd

Sir, Why not take a cue from the game of bridge and call a player "vulnerable" when he "needs snookers"?

Yours faithfully,
MALCOLM BOYD,
211 Fidlas Road,
Llanishen, Cardiff.

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COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
May 3: The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh arrived at Kirkby Stephen Railway Station this morning and were received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Cumbria (Sir Charles Graham, Bt).

The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh then drove to the Market Square, Kirkby Stephen, were received by Mr T. Stoddard (Chairman, Kirkby Stephen Parish Council) and visited the Factory of Heredities Limited (Mr T. Abel-Smith, Managing Director).

Afterwards Her Majesty and His Royal Highness visited Sedbergh School, when Her Majesty confirmed the Grant of Arms to the School and unveiled a commemorative plaque.

Having toured the School, The Queen, with The Duke of Edinburgh, honoured the Headmaster (Dr R.G. Baxter) with her presence at luncheon.

In the afternoon The Queen, with The Duke of Edinburgh, visited Penrith and reopened the refurbished Mansion House (Councillor J. Carlyle, Chairman, Eden District Council).

Her Majesty, with His Royal Highness, then opened the new extension of Tullie House Museum, Carlisle, unveiled a commemorative plaque and toured the Museum, escorted by the Mayor of Carlisle (Councillor J. L. Amos).

Later The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh were present at a service in Carlisle Cathedral to commemorate the 450th Anniversary of the Foundation of the Cathedral and were received by the Bishop of Carlisle (the Right Reverend I. Harland).

The Lady Farnham, Sir Kenneth Scott, Mr John Haslam and Lieutenant-Colonel Blair Stewart-Wilson were in attendance.

This morning The Princess Royal, Patron, College of Occupational Therapists, opened the Iris Fitchett Building, the Derby School of Occupational Therapy, 138 Whitaker Road, Derby.

Her Royal Highness was received by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for Derbyshire (Colonel Peter Hilton).

Afterwards Her Royal Highness opened the new facilities at Kettering General Hospital, Rothwell Road, Kettering and was received by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for Northamptonshire (Mr John Lowther).

Subsequently The Princess Royal opened the Moulton College Equitation Centre and as President, Riding for the Disabled Association, met members of the Northamptonshire Branch.

Finally Her Royal Highness opened the new Northamptonshire Record Office, Wootton Hall Park, Northampton, and as Patron, National Association of Victims Support Schemes, met members of the Northamptonshire County Federation.

The Princess Royal was attended by Mrs William Nunneley.

CLARENCE HOUSE
May 3: Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother today visited Fleet Headquarters, Northwood, and honoured Admiral Sir Jock Slater (Commander-in-Chief Fleet) with her presence at luncheon.

Miss Jane Walker-Okeover, Sir Martin Gilliat and Captain Conolly Morris-Adams were in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
May 3: The Prince of Wales, Colonel-in-Chief, Royal Regiment of Wales, received Lieutenant-Colonel Andrew de Lukacs-Lessner de Szeged upon relinquishing command of the 4th (Volunteer) Battalion and Lieutenant-Colonel Mervyn Lloyd upon assuming the appointment.

Subsequently His Royal Highness presented The Prince of Wales Trophy to the champion platoon of the 3rd (Volunteer) Battalion, Royal Regiment of Wales.

Weekend birthdays

TODAY: Mr Frith Banbury, theatrical director, 79; the Rev Professor C.K. Barrett, theologian, 74; Miss Joyce Blow, chairman, Mail Order Publishers' Authority, 62; the Right Rev D. Farnbrough, Bishop of Bedford, 62; Sir Stephen Hastings, former MP, 70; Miss Audrey Hepburn, actress, 62; Sir David Hildyard, diplomat, 75; Sir Charles Irving, MP, 68; Sir Edward Pickering, executive vice-chairman, Times Newspapers, 79; Professor Marisa Robles, harpist, 54; Mr Gennadi Rozhdestvensky, conductor, 60.

Mr Edwin Russell, sculptor, 52; Mr Alexander Schouvaloff, former curator, Theatre Museum, 57; Mr Terry Scott, actor, 64; Sir Norman Siddall, mining engineer, 73; Lord Stoddart of Swindon, 65; Mr Eric Sykes, comedian, 68; Miss Gillian Tindall, novelist and historian, 53; Mr John Watson, racing driver, 45; Professor Basil Yamey, economist, 72.

TOMORROW: Sir Michael Angus, chairman, Unilever, 61; Mr V.S. Anthony, former headmaster, Colfe's School, 53; Professor Monica Cole, geographer, 69; Mrs E.M. Conran, museum curator, 52; Sir Alan Donald, diplomat, 60; Sir Charles Fletcher-Cooke, QC, former MP, 77; Mrs Joanna Foster, "chair" of the Equal Opportunities Commission, 52.

Sir Victor Garland, Australian diplomat, 57; General Sir Charles Harington, 81; Dr John Havard, former secretary, BMA, 67; Sir Brian Hayes, civil servant, 62; Mr Michael Palin, writer and actor, 48; Lady Plowden, former chairman, IBA, 81; Mr Barry Reed, chairman, Austin Reed Group, 60; Mr Roger Rees, actor, 47; Mr A.J.O. Ritchie, former chairman, Grindlays Bank, 63; Mr Giani Zail Singh, former President of India, 75; Mr Ronald Utiger, former chairman, TI Group, 65; Professor Glanmor Williams, historian, 71; Miss Tammy Wynette, country music singer, 49; Mr Gerard Young, former Lord Lieutenant of South Yorkshire, 81.

Weekend royal engagements

TODAY: The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh will attend a service of remembrance and thanksgiving for those involved in the Gulf conflict in Glasgow Cathedral at noon.

Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother will unveil a memorial in Old Change Court, EC4, at 10.55 dedicated to members of the London Fire Brigade who lost their lives in the Blitz.

The Princess Royal, as President of the National Federation of Young Farmers' Clubs, will attend the annual meeting at the Winter Gardens, Blackpool, at 9.30.

TOMORROW: The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh will attend the presentation of the Garter Banner of King Olav V of Norway in St George's Chapel, Windsor, at 5.15.

Princess Alice Duchess of Gloucester will attend a service at the Church of St James the Apostle, Kettering, at 3.00 to mark the reunion of the 384th Bombardment Group USAF.

Upholders' Company

The following have been elected officers of the Upholders' Company for the ensuing year: Master, Mr Alan Kinsey; Senior Warden, Judge Richard Cole; Junior Warden, Mr Joseph Byllam-Barnes.

Dinners

International Law Association

Sir Gordon Slynn, Chairman of the Executive Council of the International Law Association, presided at a dinner held last night at the Middle Temple. Lord Wilberforce, a patron, Sir Laurence Street, president, and Mr Robert B. von Mehren, vice-chairman, were among those present.

Osborne Clarke

The Partners of Osborne Clarke held a dinner on Tuesday, May 30, at Merchants' Hall, Clifton, Bristol, to mark the retirement of Charles N. Clarke, CBE. DLitt, as Senior Partner.

Service dinner

HQ RAF Support Command

Wing Commander Paul Knight presided at a ladies' guest night dinner held last night at RAF Brampton to mark the departure of Air Marshal Sir Michael Graydon, Commander-in-Chief, RAF Support Command, and Lady Graydon. Air Vice-Marshal Michael Pilkington, Air Officer Training, also spoke.

Requiem Mass

Mr Patrick Morrah

A requiem Mass for Mr Patrick Morrah was celebrated by Mgr Edward Dunderdale yesterday in the Lady Chapel of Westminster Cathedral. Miss Deirdre Morrah read the lesson and Mr Charles Utley gave an address.

Queen in Glasgow for the Gulf war service

By KERRY GILL

THE national Gulf war memorial service will take place today at Glasgow cathedral, attended by the Queen, the Duke of Edinburgh, and the Prime Minister, amid security precautions never seen before in the city.

The service has been criticised by many who believed it would be a glorification of the victory over Iraq. But attitudes have calmed after assurances that the service will be one of remembrance rather than triumph and will emit a call for concord between the formerly warring nations, in spite of the plight of the Kurds.

At the front of the congregation's minds will be the continued suffering of those families, many of them Scots, who lost their sons. Its emphasis will be on the unification of peoples and the service will have an ecumenical flavour.

Although it is being held in Scotland, the Archbishop of York, Dr John Habgood, will preach the sermon. The Rev Dr William Morris, the cathedral minister, will conduct the service. Glasgow cathedral will be filled with more than 1,000 guests including relatives of those killed. It was reported yesterday that one Scottish family who lost a son would not attend as it felt the service was being held too soon after the war and that it would contain an element of thanksgiving.

Much of Glasgow will be cordoned off because of security arrangements and motorists have been urged to stay away. Spectators have been told to arrive early for the service, which begins at noon.

OBITUARIES

LORD EBBISHAM

Lord Ebbisham, 2nd Baron, international trade envoy, died on April 12 aged 78. He was born on September 3, 1912.



LORD Ebbisham played a leading role in the development of British trade links with Eastern Europe in the 1960s. As president of the London Chamber of Commerce from 1958 to 1961 he had the farsightedness to encourage the London chamber in its efforts to establish links with the Soviet bloc at a time during the Cold War when such contact was widely regarded as politically suspect and even personally risky. He led the London chamber's first trade mission to Yugoslavia in 1960. The success of that mission and the warm and friendly relations which he was able to establish resulted in the formation in 1961 of the Anglo-Yugoslav Trade Council, of which he was the first chairman. In later years when government-sponsored joint trade commissions were established with other East European countries, the Anglo-Yugoslav Trade Council was considered to be working so successfully that there was no need to create a separate one for Yugoslavia.

His efforts also led to the London chamber's first trade mission to Poland in 1961 which again was a great success. As a direct consequence, a British section was created within the Polish Chamber for Foreign Trade, a move subsequently followed by Hungary, Czechoslovakia and Bulgaria. In 1963, he led a trade mission to Moscow, during which Khrushchev aggressively praised the successes of the Soviet Sputnik space programme. Bobby Ebbisham is reputed to have silenced the Soviet leader with the response: "We are just ordinary British businessmen. We like to keep our feet on the ground." His gentle but quietly to-the-point manner was disarming and effective at every level. On such missions, and on many subsequent occasions, he and his family were able to convey to sometimes ill-informed and hard-line communist officials that they need not always be suspicious of their Western counterparts. He provided frequent private hospitality at his home in Bletchingley, Surrey, conveniently located within the 25 miles' travelling limit from central London permitted for Eastern Bloc diplomats.

On one occasion, Yugoslav visitors persisted throughout lunch in referring to this as "government" hospitality, and were only finally persuaded that it was private, not "official", by the arrival of the Ebbishams' youngest daughter riding Tiddleywinks, their Shetland pony (half house-trained), into the drawing-room of The Old Rectory at Bletchingley.

Ebbisham was chairman of his family's printing firm, Blades East & Blades, from 1948 to 1967. He remained involved with printing as treasurer of the British Printing Industries' Federation and through his directorships with the printing group, Williams Lea plc, which he retained until 1990. He demonstrated his practical printing skills when, as a prisoner-of-war in Eichstatt, Germany, he printed a 32-page prison camp monthly magazine — he and a fellow officer having persuaded the German authorities to release them from the prison camp without a guard each month to visit the local printworks where he worked the printing presses himself.

Ebbisham was a member of the Court of Common Council for the City of London for 36 years, and became Chief Commoner in 1967 — the first peer to do so. He was Master of The Mercers' Company 1963-64 and chairman of the company's education committee for many years. His quiet efficient style was responsible for seeing through a number of important projects within the schools and almshouses administered or supported by the company. He was deputy chairman of St Paul's School and of St Paul's School for Girls.

He was also chairman for 20 years of The Mental After-Care Association and he captained Surrey Cricket Club Second XI in the early 1950s.

He is survived by his wife and by their three daughters.

GABRIEL CELAYA

Gabriel Celaya, Spanish poet and critic, died on April 18 aged 80. He was born on March 18, 1911.

THE socialist poet Gabriel Celaya was a brave and worthy man who defied the principles of the Franco regime with some skill, cunning and success. As a poet he was prolific, publishing over 50 collections. He is probably in the category of "interesting" rather than "major", but his integrity, for the preservation of which he paid a consistently high price, was exemplary.

He was born Rafael Gabriel Múgica Celaya in the Basque region of Spain. At 16, he moved to Madrid, where he eventually enrolled in the school of engineering. But while living at the Residencia de Estudiantes he came into contact with the poets of the "Generation of '27" (Lorca, Aleixandre, Alonso and others), and with the younger writers whom they influenced. Excited by these influences, he wanted to devote himself to a literary life, and was devastated to have to turn his back on it and return home to join the family business. But, in 1935, he did so. At the same time he published his first collection, *Marea de silencio* (Tide of Silence) under the name he was thereafter to adopt as a writer, Gabriel Celaya. His second book, *La soledad cerrada* (Enclosed Solitude) could not be published owing to the civil war but he was nonetheless awarded the Becquer centennial prize for it. After a great deal of personal friction he had broken away from the family business after only a few months and returned to Madrid to do what he really wanted to do. The outbreak of the civil war changed all that and by 1938 he was back at home with the firm.

His early poetry had been surrealistic, influenced mostly by Aleixandre and French poets of the same dreamy sort: all moonlit seascapes, angels and virgins — rapturous, verbally skilled, but over-suffused with the inexplicable, and rather lacking in control. The civil war and its results caused him the deepest possible anguish; he also profoundly disliked the job he was doing. He felt himself to be "silenced in a totally hostile environment", as he later put it. Everything changed for him in 1946, when he met Amparo Gastón, the woman who helped him to alter his pessimistic view of the world and begin a new career as a writer. He joined the Espadaña group, which had been formed by the poets Victoriano Cremer, Eugenio de Nora (historian of the modern Spanish novel) and others. This group came as near to a literary "opposition" to Franco as was possible by devoting itself to the "social function" of poetry. Celaya coined the phrase: "Poetry is not an end in itself, but a means of transforming the world."

In the period 1947-62 he and Blas de Otero were the leading Spanish "social poets". Suddenly with *Tranquilmente hablando* (Speaking Quietly, 1947) his poetry became simple and directed, not to a literary elite, but to the "masses" (as he put it). *Paz y concierto* (Peace and Concert, 1953) and *Cantos ibéricos* (Spanish Songs, 1955) typify this mood, and in these and many other volumes he pursued the theme of poetry as a vehicle for social change as vehemently as the circumstances allowed. In 1956 he made a dramatic break with his family.

Spain may, by its terrible political problems, have lost a major poet in Celaya; much of his work in this period in particular is crude in its anti-aestheticism and its rough anger. He may have felt this himself, for he tried to turn back to his old style in *La linterna sorda* (The Deaf Lantern, 1964) and to find his own voice in an expression of the absurd. His running commentary on the Spain of the 20th century as seen by a humane and conscientious man, expressed in many books of criticism, is informative and clearly written. His single best book of poetry is probably the delightful and relaxed *Buenos dias, buenas noches* (Good Morning, Good Night, 1976).

NOEL REILLY

Noel "Peter" Marcus Prowse Reilly, CMG, a key figure in Anglo-Kuwaiti economic affairs in the 1950s, died in New Hampshire, USA, on April 22 aged 88. He was born on December 31, 1902.

"PETER" Reilly took part in the delicate negotiations in the early 1950s which led to the establishment of a Kuwaiti investment office in London. He then served for six years in the Gulf as the Treasury's economic counsellor attached to the Foreign Office at a time of great change in the Arab world.

The negotiations which began in 1952 under the direction of Sir Roger Makins (now Lord Sherfield), then a deputy under-secretary at the Foreign Office, led to the swelling oil revenues of Kuwait being brought under the restrictions applying to the rest of the sterling area and were crucial to the stability of the currency. The difficulties arose from Muslim sensitivities over lending money at interest and from Kuwaiti concern about accepting limitations.

Despite his lack of Arabic and experience of the Middle East, Reilly was admirably qualified to allay such fears and win the confidence of Arab economic ministers. He was an instinctive radical and free thinker who understood the quickening currents of Arab nationalism and sympathised with regional aspirations. During the Suez crisis which erupted midway through his six years in the Gulf he was strongly opposed to the policies of his own government.

His individualism and independence of mind were inbred. After University College School, London, he went to Gonville and Caius College in Cambridge to read agriculture. He then switched to English but did little work at either, devoting his time to the mountaineering club of which he became president. He left Cambridge with only a pass degree in consequence.

Unabashed, he set out to circumnavigate the globe, teaching at a school in Boston, Mass., selling Christmas cards in Vancouver, then tractors in New Zealand, where he met his first wife. Returning at last to this country he found himself caught up in the depression and moved from one non-job to another until in the late 1930s he became secretary of the area committee for national fitness in Oxfordshire, Berkshire and Buckinghamshire, a forerunner of the Central Council for Physical Recreation.

He had meanwhile, however, become a passionate Fabian economist, convinced that the government's policies were wrong, and published his own views in a book, *The Key to Prosperity*, in 1931. After serving as a press censor during the war he inherited what was then a substantial legacy and took the opportunity to develop his new interest in economics. He enrolled as an external student at London University and, after completing a three-year degree course in nine months, took a first class degree, passing out among the top 15 of his year.

On the strength of his he joined the Treasury in 1946 as a late entrant and, after spending several years in Whitehall, was dispatched to the Gulf. The CMG was the reward for his work there. In 1960 he was made financial counsellor and deputy head (under Sir Douglas Wass) of the Treasury delegation at the British embassy in Washington. He served as alternate director of the World Bank while he was there and finally retired in 1965.

"Peter" Reilly's lifestyle remained unorthodox, however. An outdoor enthusiast who, even as an official in the Gulf, preferred running along the beach and climbing mountains to the social round of diplomatic parties, he shot the rapids on the Colorado River in a canoe while in his sixties, was still skiing in old age and at 70 successfully took his PhD.

His first marriage was dissolved in 1963, after which he married again in the United States and settled in New Hampshire with his second wife. He is survived by her and by a son and daughter from his first marriage.

RICHARD HATFIELD

Campbell Gordon writes:

RICHARD Hatfield was not only flamboyant as your obituary said, but was a man of tremendous personal kindness and generosity, as well as thoughtfulness for others. This gave him a vast network of devoted friends who were always delighted to be awakened in the early hours of the morning by a long distance telephone call replete with his colourful rendition of the previous day's events.

An ardent and devoted monarchist, with an eclectic and amusing cast of mind, Hatfield pursued a wide range of interests from doll collecting and foreign political conventions to the funerals of African statesmen. People nearly always responded to his warm and responsive manner, and his uncritical interest and trust in others may have caused some of his political difficulties. Hatfield's political life was motivated by the overriding principle that Canada is composed of two founding peoples who must take the effort to appreciate the strength and richness of each other's community. He was as much loved among French-speaking nationalist Quebecers as his large Canadian constituency of empire loyalists and admirers.

His many friends will always regret the loss of a sensitive and thoughtful man who, like Cyrano, never lost his panache.

Church services tomorrow

Rogation Sunday

CANTERBURY CATHEDRAL: 8 HC 9.30 M, Rev M Price; 11 Sung Euch. Mass for five voices (Byrd), Gustate et videte (Bach, Rev A W Pawson; 3.15 E & Litany. Responses (Reading). Fourth Service (Batten). Litany (Tallis); 6.30 Sermon & Compline. The Dean.

YORK MINSTER: 8, 8.45 HC; 10 Sung Euch. O sacrum convivium, Stanford in B flat. Gregorian Te Deum; 11.30 M. Responses (Jackson). Noble in B minor; 4 E. Short Service (Orr). Dixit Dominus (Mozart). Canon R Hockney.

ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL: 8, 11.30 HC. Missa Brevis (Kodaly). Rise up my love (Willan); 10.30 M. Responses (Naylor). Te Deum in C (Britten). Jubilate in E flat (Britten). Rev M Seward; 3.15 E. Collegium Regale (Tavener). In exitu Israel (Tye). Toccata in E major (Bach).

WESTMINSTER ABBEY: 8 HC; 10 M. Responses (Rose). Te Deum in F (Stanford). Haec dies (Byrd). Canon P Bates; 11.15 Abbey Euch. Stravinsky Mass. Litany (Harvey). Rev A Luff; 3 E & Admission of Choristers. Howells in B minor. Stand ye in the Old Paths, Father (Wesley). Canon Dr K Walker; 5.45 Organ Recital; 6.30 ES. Canon D Gray.

SOUTHWARK CATHEDRAL: 9 HC; 11 Euch. Darke in F. Beati quorum via (Stanford). Ubi caritas (Durufle). Canon J Cox; 3 E. Wood in F. Collegium Regale. The Lord is my shepherd (Berkeley). Canon P Hayward.

WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL: 7, 8, 9, 12, 5.30, 7 Masses; 10 MP; 10.30 SM, Vidi aquam. The Mass Euge bone (Tye). Vidi speciosam (Victoria), Webbe, Klages, Sorgen, Zagen (Liszt); 2.30, Organ Recital; 3.30 Solemn V&B, Magnificat Tertii toni (Malcolm). My beloved spake (Hadley). Reverie (Grier).

ST GEORGE'S CATHEDRAL, Southwark: 8, 10 (Children's Mass), 6 LM; 11.30 HM, Deacon J Gray: S Italian Mass 8 Ep & B.

GREEK ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL OF THE DIVINE WISDOM, Moscow Rd, W2: 9.30 M; 11 Divine Liturgy.

RUSSIAN ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL OF THE DORMITION OF THE MOTHER OF GOD, Ennismore Gdns, SW7: 10.30 Divine Liturgy.

SERBIAN ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL OF ST SAVVA, Lancaster Rd, W11: 10.30 Divine Liturgy.

THE CHAPEL ROYAL, St. James's Palace: 8.30 HC; 11.15 Sung Euch. Missa Brevis (Berkeley). Bishop of St Albans.

QUEEN'S CHAPEL OF THE SAVOY, WC2: 11 Sung Euch. Darke in F. Rev J Slater.

ROYAL NAVAL COLLEGE CHAPEL, Greenwich, SE10: 8.30 HC; 11 Sung Euch, Regina Coeli (Lotti). We wait for thy loving kindness (Nickle). The Chaplain.

GUARDS CHAPEL, Wellington Barracks, SW1: 11 Choral HC. Love of the Father (Gibbons). Ireland in C. Ave verum corpus (Mozart). Rev J R McKnight.

GRAY'S INN CHAPEL: 8.30 HC. Canon E James.

LINCOLN'S INN CHAPEL: No service.

TOWER OF LONDON, EC3: 9.15 HC. Rev R D Gould; 11 M.

TEMPLE CHURCH, Fleet Street, EC4: 8.30 HC; 11.15 MP, Responses (Rose), Sumsion in G. Sowerby in B flat. The Master.

CHAPEL ROYAL, Hampton Court Palace: 8.30 HC; 11 Choral Euch. Darke in A minor. This is the hour of banquet (Taylor). 3.30 E & Litany. Fear not, O land (Elgar), Walmisley in B flat. Litany (Loosemore).

ALL HALLOWS BY THE TOWER: 11 Sung Euch. Rev I Thurston.

ALL SAINTS, Margaret Street, W1: 8, 8.15 LM; 11 HM, Missa Aeterna Christi munera (Palestrina). Exsultate Deo (Palestrina). Rev P McGeary; 6 E&B. Wood in D. I will not leave you comfortless (Byrd). The Vicar.

ALL SOULS, Langham Place, W1: 11 Preb R Bevan; 6.30 Rev S Wookey.

CHRIST CHURCH, CHELSEA, SW3: 8 HC; 11 Sung Euch, Rev S Watson.

HOLY TRINITY, Brompton Road, SW7: 10.30 Family Service, Rev J A N Millar; 6.30 Informal Service. Rev G P Gumbel.

HOLY TRINITY, Prince Consort Road, SW7: 8.30 HC; 11 Choral HC. Rev Dr M Ireland.

HOLY TRINITY, Sloane Street, SW1: 8.45 HC; 11 Sung Euch. Rev K L Yates.

ST ALBAN'S, Brooke St, EC1: 9.30 SM; 11 HM. Trinitatisnesse (Mozart). Rev B Lunn; 6.30 LM.

ST BRIDE'S, Fleet Street, EC4: 11 Choral M & Euch. Jubilate (Wesley Short Service), Noble in A. Ave verum corpus (Faure). Canon J Oates; 6.30 Choral E. Responses (Leighton). Kelly in C. Worthy is the Lamb (Handel) from Messiah (Handel). Rev W Boulton.

ST CUTHBERT'S, Philbeach Gardens SW5: 10 HC; 11 Sung Euch. Collegium Regale (Howells). Thou visitest the earth (Greene). Rev J Vine.

ST JUDE'S, Skeaby, WC1: 10 Euch: 6.30 EP. Fr M Day.

ST JAMES'S, Garlickhythe, EC4: 10.30 Sung Euch. Rev J Paul.

ST JAMES'S, Muswell Hill, N10: 11 MP. Rev G Williams; 6.30 EP.

ST JAMES'S, Piccadilly, W1: 8.30 HC; 11 S Euch; 6.45 EP.

ST JOHN'S, Hyde Park Crescent, W2: 8, 6.30 HC, Rev O Rose; 10 Parish Euch with Children's Church. Rev T Birchard.

ST JOHN THE BAPTIST, Holland Rd, W14: 10 Mass; 11 SM. Fr G Bright; 6 V&B.

ST JOHN THE DIVINE, Vassall Rd, SW9: 8 LM; 10 HM; 4 E & B.

ST JOHN'S WOOD CHURCH, NW8: 8 HC; 9.30 Parish C; 11 Sung Euch. Missa O Quam Gloriosum (Victoria). Let Thy Merciful Ears (Mudd). Rev A Walker.

ST LUKE'S, Chelsea, SW3: 8, 12.15 HC; 10.30 Sung Euch. Benedicite (Sumsion). Rev N Vigers; 6.30 E. Rejoice in the Lord (Anon). Rev S Acland.

ST MARK'S, Regents Park Rd, NW1: 8 HC; 10 Family C; 11 Sung Euch. Darke in E. Set me as a seal (Watson). Rev T Devonshire Jones.

ST MARGARET'S, Westminster, SW1: 11 Sung Euch. Missa Solemnis (Langlais). Tantum ergo (Duruflé). Rev C Richardson.

ST MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS, WC2: 8, 12.30 HC; 9.45 Euch. Rev M Henwood; 11.30 Visitors to London Service. The Vicar; 2.45 Chinese Service (HC). Rev Gilbert Lee; 5 Choral E; 6.30 ES, Bishop of Stepney.

ST MARY ABBOTS, Kensington, W8: 8, 12.30 HC; 9.30 Sung Euch; 11.15 M; 6.30 E. The Vicar.

ST MARY'S, Bourne Street, SW1: 9, 9.45, 7 LM; 11 HM. Mass for three voices (Byrd). Fr D Jennings; 6.15 E & Sermon 8.

ST MARYLEBONE, Marylebone Road, W1: 8 HC; 11 Choral Euch, Missa Bell' amfitrit altera (Lassus). My beloved spake (Hadley). Rev J Chester; 6.30 Ministry of Healing. Rev T Russ.

ST MARY-LE-STRAND (WRNS Church), Strand WC2: 11 Sung Communion. Rev O Clarke.

ST MATTHEW'S, Great Peter St, SW1: 8 LM; 10 Sol Pontifical Mass, If Ye Love Me (Tallis). The Lord Bless You (Rutter), Bishop of London. Ri Rev G Leonard. Rev D Pattinson; 6.30 LM.

ST MICHAEL'S, Chester Square, SW1: 8.15 HC; 11 MP. Rev D C L Prior; 7 Informal ES & HC. Rev D C L Prior.

ST MICHAEL'S, Cornhill, EC3: 11 Choral Euch. Gaude Dorine (Pitoni). Whitlock in C. Os justi (Bruckner). The Rector.

ST PAUL'S, Wilton Place, SW1: 8, 9 HC; 11 Solemn Euch, Western Wind Mass (Tavernor). Easter Anthem (Baker). Rev N Raschmeyer.

ST PETER'S, Eaton Square, SW1: 8.15 HC; 10 Family Mass; 11 SM, Western Wind Mass (Tye). Haec dies (Sheppard). Fr D Tiffen.

ST SIMON ZELOTES, Milner Street, SW3: 8 HC; 11 MP, V Williams in G. Beati Quorum Via (Stanford); 6.30 E. Harwood in A flat. They that go down to the sea in ships (Sumsion). Rev G James.

ST STEPHEN'S, Gloucester Road, SW7: 8, 9 LM; 11 SM. Mass for five voices (Byrd). Regina coeli (Soriano). Eheu, assumerunt Dominum (Morley). Fr C Colven; 6 May Devotion. Canon A Arrowsmith.

ST VEDAST, Foster Lane, EC2: 11 SM. The Rector.

THE ANNUNCIATION, Bryanston Street, W1: 11 SM. Missa de simplicitate (Langlais). Chevit eos (Langlais); 6 LM & B.

ST COLUMBA'S CHURCH OF SCOTLAND, Pont Street, SW1: 11. Rev J H McIndoe; 6.30 Rev W A Anderson.

CROWN COURT CHURCH OF SCOTLAND, Covent Garden, WC2: 11, 6.30. Rev H G Rose.

THE ASSUMPTION, Warwick Street, W1: 11. Missa iste confessor (Palestrina). Hic vir despiciens mundum (Victoria). O sacrum convivium (Farrant).

CHURCH OF OUR LADY, Lisson Grove, St John's Wood: 10.45 Sung Mass. Missa Ie bien que l'ay (Goudimel). Dum transisset (Tavernor).

FARM STREET, W1: 7.30, 8.30, 10, 12.15, 4.15, 6.15 LM; 11 HM. Missa O quam gloriosum, Ave Maria (Victoria). Ego flos campi (Clemens Non Papa).

THE ORATORY, Brompton Road, SW7: 7, 8, 9, 10, 11. Missa Ascendens Christus (Victoria). Regina coeli (Cavalli). 12.30, 4.30, 7 Mass: 3.30 V & B. Victimae paschali (Victoria).

ST ETHELREDDA'S, Ely Place: 11 Sung Mass. Missa In C (Mass Jubilante Deo (Haimou). Postlude (Janacek).

ST MARY'S, Cadogan Street, SW3: 8.30, 10, 11 MM, Missa O quam gloriosum (Victoria), Regina caeli laetare (Webbe). Bone pastor (Tallis); 12.15, 6.30.

OUR LADY OF VICTORIES, Kensington High Street, W8: 8.30, 10, 12.30, 6.30 LM; 11.15 SM, Missa Brevis (Palestrina). Jubilate Deo (Lassus).

AMERICAN CHURCH IN LONDON, Tottenham Court Rd, W1: 11 Rev Ron F Allison.

CITY TEMPLE, Holborn, EC1: 10.30 HC, Rev P Dyer.

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KENSINGTON TEMPLE, (Charismatic), Notting Hill Gate, W11: 9, 11, Wynne Lewis; 2.30 Baptism, Colin Urquart; 6.30 Healing Service, Colin Urquart; 9 Late on Sunday.

KENSINGTON URC, Allen Street, W8: 11, 6.30 Rev P Lovell.

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WESLEY'S CHAPEL, City Road, EC2: 11 MS & HC. Rev Dr G E Barritt. Rev P Holme.

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WESTMINSTER MEETING SOCIETY OF FRIENDS (Quakers), 52 St Martins Le WC2: 11, Meeting for worship.

Anniversaries

Today

BIRTHS: Bartolommeo Cristofari, pioneer of piano making, Padua, 1655; Sir Thomas Lawrence, president of the Royal Academy 1820-30, Bristol, 1769; Johann Herbart, philosopher, Oldenburg, 1776; Thomas Henry Huxley, biologist, London, 1825; Sir Archibald McIndoe, plastic surgeon, Dunedin, New Zealand, 1900.

DEATHS: Edward, Prince of Wales, murdered, Tewkesbury, 1471; Sir Robert Ker Porter, painter and traveller, Leningrad, 1842; William Froude, naval architect, Simonstown, Cape Colony, 1879; Georges Enesco, violinist and composer, Paris, 1955; Sir Osbert Sitwell, Bt, writer, Florence, 1969; Marshal Tito, president of Yugoslavia 1953-80, 1980; Diana Dors, actress, 1984.

Tomorrow

BIRTHS: Soren Kierkeegaard, philosopher, Copenhagen, 1813; Karl Marx, Trier, Germany, 1818; Henri Sienkiewicz, novelist, Nobel laureate 1905, Poland, 1846; Archibald Wavell, 1st Earl Wavell, field marshal, viceroy of India 1943-47, Colchester, 1883.

DEATHS: Samuel Cooper, miniaturist, London, 1672; Laurence Shirley, 4th Earl Ferrers, murderer, executed, London, 1760; Napoleon Bonaparte, St Helena, 1821; Bret Harte, writer, London, 1902; Ludwig Erhard, chancellor of the Federal Republic of Germany 1963-66, Bonn, 1977.

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Forthcoming marriages

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and Miss C.M. McWatters

The engagement is announced between James, second son of Mr and Mrs M.B. Darwent, of Victoria Crescent, Chelmsford, and Catherine, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs S.J. McWatters, of Edgar Road, Winchester.

Mr I.T. Downie
and Miss E.C. Lovatt

The engagement is announced between Ian, son of Mrs Joyce Ladds and stepson of Mr Eric Ladds, of Carlisle, and Elizabeth (Lizi), elder daughter of the Rev James and Mrs Lovatt, of Brighton.

Mr A.A. Hudson
and Miss J.R. Bromwich

The engagement is announced between Angus, son of Mr and Mrs D.A. Hudson, of Crick, Northamptonshire, and Janice, daughter of Mr and Mrs D.N. Bromwich, of Litchborough, Northamptonshire.

Mr A.E. Porter Goff
and Miss L.M. Butterworth

The engagement is announced between Andrew, younger son of Dr and Mrs R.F.D. Porter Goff, of Cambridge, and Linda, daughter of the late Mr R. Butterworth and of Mrs R. Butterworth, of Tettenhall, Wolverhampton.

Mr J.L. Radcliffe
and Miss C.P. Robson

The engagement is announced between James, younger son of Mr Simon Radcliffe, of Forest Row, Sussex, and of Mrs Gordon Smyth, of Plumpton, Sussex, and Charlotte, youngest daughter of Sir John and Lady Robson, of Brenchley, Kent.

Mr J.F.L. Reeves-Serby
and Miss K.J. Cole

The engagement is announced between Jonathan, only son of Mr and Mrs Douglas Reeves-Serby, of South Heath, Buckinghamshire, and Katherine, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Brian Cole, of Amersham, Buckinghamshire.

The Hon Hugo Slim
and Miss R. Abrams

The engagement is announced between Hugo, son of the Viscount and Viscountess Slim, of Chelsea, and Rebeca, daughter of the late Professor Philip Abrams, and of Mrs Derek Greenwood, of Bristol.

Mr P.E. Smith
and Miss E. Mankerty

The engagement is announced between Peter Edward, younger son of Mr and Mrs E. Smith, of Rainham, Kent, and Elizabeth, younger daughter of Commander and Mrs T. Mankerty, of Belvedere, Kent.

Mr R.B.C. Totterman
and Miss C.O. Reed

The engagement is announced between Robin, son of Mr and Mrs Christian Totterman, of Bath, and Caroline, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs David Reed, of Tadworth, Surrey.

Mr M.A. Walker
and Miss A.J. Briggs

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In the same way you younger men must submit to the older men. All all of you must put on the apron of humility, to serve one another—.
1 Peter 5:5 GNB

BIRTHS

ASCOUGH - On Tuesday April 30th, in Tokyo, to Richard and Tomoko (née Natsume), a son Christopher.

BENNET - On April 26th, at Queen Charlotte's Hospital, to Jenny (née Caldwell) and John (Peter), a son, Andrew John, a brother for Tom.

CALDWELL - see Bennet.

CARTER - On April 23rd 1991, at Gloucester Royal Hospital, to Jacqueline (née Holliday) and Michael, a son, Joshua Robert Edward.

CRAWLEY - On May 3rd, at Kingston Hospital, to Lucy (née Peppiatt) and Nick, a son, Seth James.

DAY - On April 20th, to Erica (née Raywood) and Martin, a beloved daughter, Phillippa Valerie Alice.

FROME - On May 3rd 1991, to Nicholas and Rosemary, of Century Tower, Hong Kong, a son, James Nicholas.

GLAZE - On April 26th, at Queen Charlotte's Hospital, to Shauna (née Damamme) and Philip, a daughter, Alice Amelia.

ILIFF - On May 1st, to Monica (née Dessain) and Charles, a daughter, Lucy Ann.

LEEFE - On April 26th, at The Royal Free Hospital, to Angela and William, a daughter, Emily Victoria, a sister for Georgia.

MONTAGUE - On April 26th, at The Portland Hospital, to Robert and Silica, a son, Thomas Maximillian Frederick.

MOWICKI - On April 28th, to Margaret (née Bailey) and Marc, a daughter, Amy, a sister for Zoe.

REMEDIOS - On April 30th, to Rose and Ian, a son, Aaron Charles.

ROBINSON - On April 27th, to Elaine (née De Fries) and Simon, a son, Saul James.

ROOBOTTOM - On April 22nd, to Jackie and Paul, a daughter, Lauren Amy.

SCHEINER - On May 1st, at home, to Lee and Nikki (née Harrison), a third son, a brother for Jason and Oscar.

WECHTER - On April 26th, at The Portland Hospital, to Heather (née Brink) and David, a son, Adam John.

DEATHS

ANDERSON - On May 2nd 1991, peacefully in Battle Hospital, Reading, Olaf, aged 87 years. Beloved father of Anne and Susan and father-in-law of Raymond. Funeral Service to be arranged. Enquiries to A.B. Walker & Son Ltd., 36 Eldon Road, Reading, tel: (0734) 573680.

ARDITTI - On May 2nd, at Queen Mary's Hospital, Roehampton, Frank Arditti M.A. (Cantab), loved husband of Carol, father of Patricia, Paul and the late Peter. Cremation at Mortlake Crematorium on Thursday May 9th at 10 am.

BALLINGALL - On May 3rd, peacefully, Bill, beloved father of Elizabeth. Cremation at the Surrey and Sussex Crematorium at 12 noon on May 13th 1991. No flowers please but donations, if desired, to Star and Garter Homes, Richmond, Surrey.

BELL - On May 3rd, at home at Thirsk, Peter, late Major The Gordon Highlanders, husband of Hilary, father of Alexandra and John. Cremation private. Memorial Service at St Mary's, Thirsk, 11 am Wednesday May 15th.

BENTLEY-LEEK - On April 26th 1991, Zoë Kathleen, aged 8. Beloved daughter of Debra and Mark, sister of Natasha and Georgina. Donations please to Princess Chula Ward, Royal Marsden Hospital, Sutton, Surrey.

CLAY - On May 2nd, suddenly, Penelope Mary, of Much Hadham, dearly loved sister of Elizabeth and John and much loved aunt and great-aunt. Funeral at St Andrew's Church, Much Hadham, at 2.30 pm Wednesday May 8th. Garden flowers or donations to R.N.L.I., Eastern Region, Hadleigh, Suffolk.

FORD - On May 1st, suddenly at home in Bentley House, Chappel Lane, Whixall, Shropshire, Donald Frank William, aged 66. Cremation at Shrewsbury Crematorium May 9th at 2 pm. No flowers please, donations, if desired, to The British Heart Foundation, 102 Gloucester Place, London W1. All enquiries J. Etheridge (071) 938-6759.

GILLIBRAND - On May 1st, at home in Tunstall, Pat, dear wife of John, much loved mother of Sara, Martin, Nick and David and grandmother of all her grandchildren. Funeral at Tunstall at 2.30 pm on Friday May 10th. Family flowers only, please, but donations if desired to North West Cancer Research Campaign.

GOW - On April 28th 1991, peacefully in hospital, Nancy (née Sturrock), devoted wife of the late Alan Harper Gow, of Oddington, Glos. Funeral Service at Oxford Crematorium, Thursday May 9th at 12.30 pm.

GURTEEN - On May 2nd 1991, suddenly, Stephen, of Pakenham, Suffolk, loving husband of Dilys and loving father of Stephanie. Funeral Service at The West Suffolk Crematorium on Wednesday May 8th at 3.45 pm. Flowers or, if desired, donations to The Suffolk Wild Life Trust may be sent c/o A.E. Thurlow & Son, 1 High Street, Ixworth, Suffolk.

HOPKIN - On May 1st, peacefully on May Day, Norman Maynard (Nat), aged 79 years, husband of Sheila and the late Catherine Elaine. Funeral Service at Golders Green Crematorium on Wednesday May 8th at 11.45.

KIRBY - On May 2nd, John Colin, aged 86. Formerly of Letchworth and Bournemouth. Devoted husband of the late Vivienne and loving father of Ann and Wendy.

LORING - On May 2nd 1991, in Beckenham Hospital, Margaret "Mack" (née Napier), late of Ivor Newton House, Sundridge Park, Bromley. Much loved and missed by her family and many friends and pupils. Service at Beckenham Crematorium on Friday May 10th at 11.30 am. Flowers by 9.30 am to H. Copeland and Son Ltd., 9 Bromley Road, Beckenham, Kent or donations to The Musicians Benevolent Fund, 16 Ogle Street, London.

MACDONALD - On May 1st, Alistair, aged 78, after long illness, cared for by devoted wife Myra and family. Photographic Intelligence in RAF, during war, later First Secretary to the Council on Tribunals. Funeral Worth Crematorium, Sussex, Friday May 10th 3.30 pm.

McHUGH - On May 2nd, at Queen Mary's Hospital, Sister Veronica, peacefully. Requiem Mass at 1.30 pm, Tuesday May 7th, at the Convent of the Sacred Heart, Digby Stuart College, Roehampton Lane, London SW15 5PH.

MAPPER - see Loring.

NOLAN - On May 1st 1991, James, of Scotland Bridge, Weybridge and Chapel Hill, North Carolina, after a short illness at Sibley Memorial Hospital, Washington D.C. Survived by daughters Jamie, Catherine and Jessica and sister Catharine.

PAWLEY - On May 1st 1991, suddenly in Slough, Owen John, aged 66 years. Funeral St Mary's Church, Langley, Slough, Bucks., 2.15 pm on May 9th 1991. Donations, if desired, to British Heart Foundation.

SMITH - On April 28th, suddenly at Ralgmore Hospital, Inverness, C.D.I. (David), beloved husband of Anne, devoted son of Lillian and greatly loved father of Michael and Ian. Funeral at Hendon Crematorium, 3 pm Tuesday May 7th. Flowers to H. Phillips, 550 Watford Way, Mill Hill, London NW7.

STANIER - On April 30th, Maida, aged 81, widow of Bob Stanier (the former Master of Magdalen College School), Writer and Poet. Much loved mother and grandmother. Funeral on Thursday May 9th at Oxford Crematorium at 2.30 pm. Thanksgiving Service at Magdalen College School on Saturday June 29th at 3 pm. No flowers please but donations, if desired, to The National Asthma Campaign, 300 Upper Street, London N1 2XX.

WAINEWRIGHT - On April 26th, peacefully at Roxburgh House, Kineton, Meriel Elizabeth, formerly of Long Compton, sister of the late W.W.E. (Bill) Wainewright. Funeral private. Donations to Cancer Research.

WILKINS - On May 1st 1991, Henry Ravenscroft, aged 76, of The Chestnuts, Dairy Road, Coalbrookdale, Shropshire. Peacefully at home in the presence of his family. Husband of Joyce. Funeral Service and interment. 3 pm Wednesday May 8th at St Mary's Church, Sutton Maddock, Shropshire. Family flowers only but donations for Cancer Research would be appreciated. Enquiries The C.J. Williams Funeral Service of Telford, tel: (0952) 505835.

WILLOUGHBY de BROKE - On May 2nd, at home, Rachel, Dowager Lady Willoughby de Broke. Funeral private. Flowers to J.H. Kenyon, 49 Marloes Road, London W8. Date of Memorial Service to be announced.

WORTH - On Sunday April 28th, peacefully after much suffering, Lillian Winifred, aged 87. Dearly loved mother and grandmother. Funeral at Cambridge Crematorium on Tuesday May 7th at 2.30 pm. Enquiries to Harry Williams & Sons, 7 Victoria Park, Cambridge.

WRIGHT - On May 2nd, peacefully at home in Sevenoaks after many years of ill health borne with courage and good humour, Bryan David, loving husband of Pamela, dear father of Lorna, David and Peter, grandfather to Andrew and Elizabeth. Funeral Service Tunbridge Wells Crematorium, Friday May 10th, 12 noon. All enquiries to W. Hodges & Co. 0732-454457.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

SHARROCK - A Memorial Service for Roger Ian Sharrock, M.A., B.Litt., Professor of English Language and Literature, King's College London, 1968-81, will be held at 5.30 pm on Thursday May 16th in the Chapel of King's College London, Strand, London, WC2R 2LS.

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LEGAL NOTICES

To the shareholders of

GN Great Nordic

The ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Company will be held on Thursday 23 May 1991 at 3.30 pm at Industriens Hus, H.C. Andersens Boulevard 18, DK-1596 Copenhagen V, to transact the following business:

a To receive and consider the report for the year ended 31 December 1990.

b To receive and adopt the annual financial statements and discharge the Board of Directors and the Management from their obligations.

c To consider and, if thought fit, pass a resolution for the distribution of *the net profit for the year, including the declaration of a dividend on the* shares of the Company

d To consider and, if thought fit, pass a resolution to increase the share capital of the Company through an issue of bonus shares of DKK 20 and at the same time reduce the par value of the Company's shares from DKK 180 to DKK 100 per share.

e. To consider and, if thought fit, pass a resolution to amend the Company's Articles of Association In addition to the amendments arising from the adoption of item d above, this resolution is primarily designed to prolong and expand the Directors' authority to increase the share capital of the Company and also aims at removing the stipulation which requires the submission to the General Meeting of proxy forms and lists of all shareholders to whom admission cards have been issued

f. *To consider and, if thought fit, pass a resolution proposed by the Board* of Directors that the Company be entitled to acquire up to 10 per cent *of its own shares.*

g. To elect Directors of the Company.

h. To appoint two auditors for the current financial year

For the passing of the resolutions set out under items d. and e. on the agenda, it is required under Article 18 of the Articles of Association that *not less than one quarter of the share capital be represented at the Gen*eral Meeting and that the resolution be approved by not less than two *thirds of the votes cast and two thirds of the voting share capital repre*sented at the General Meeting. In the event that the required percentage of the share capital is not represented, but where the resolution has been approved by the above-mentioned qualified majority of votes, the resolution may, however, be finally passed at a new general meeting convened for the transaction of this business by the said qualified majority, irrespective of the percentage of the voting share capital represented at the General Meeting.

From Wednesday 15 May 1991 the agenda and the full and complete resolutions to be proposed at the General Meeting, as well as the annual financial statements and consolidated accounts with the Auditors' Report and the Report of the Directors will be available for inspection by the shareholders at the Company's registered office at Kongens Nytorv 26, second floor, and in London and Paris, and not later than eight days prior to the General Meeting the said material will be posted to any shareholder on the Company's register of members to such address as has been given to the Company.

Admission cards to the General Meeting will, until five days prior to the meeting, be available at request from the Company's office on all weekdays (excluding Saturdays) between the hours of 10.00 am and 4.00 pm to any shareholder who can prove a good title to his shares. As far as bearer shares are concerned, the shareholder shall prove his title to such shares by presenting a statement of his holding of shares in the Company as at 8 May 1991, issued by the shareholder's account-holding bank.

Any right to vote shall be conditional upon the voting share being registered in the name of the shareholder and entered in the register of members maintained by the Company and upon the shareholder being entitled to attend the meeting pursuant to the above-mentioned provisions. Where the shareholder has acquired the share by way of transfer, the share shall furthermore have been registered in the name of the shareholder for not less than three months prior to the date of the General Meeting.

No director is employed with the Company under a contract of service.

Copenhagen, May 1991
The Board of Directors

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The young king of Iraq, whose father had died in a car crash when the heir was three years old and whose mother, supervisor of his education in England, died when she was 38, was himself shot down five years after his accession by rebels who overturned the monarchy.

IRAQ LOYALTY TO KING FEISAL

BAGHDAD, May 3: King Feisal II of Iraq, who yesterday took the oath assuming his royal prerogatives before an assembly of Iraqi and foreign royalty and dignitaries, took the salute this morning at a military parade in Baghdad. The parade was eight miles long and took two and three-quarter hours to pass the saluting base.

It included Churchill tanks, which rumbled past as aircraft flew overhead. In many ways the most interesting part of the display was that of the Engineers with their bridging and transportation sections.

Public enthusiasm continued after the parade with parties of young men dancing and singing through the streets. Last night another big fireworks display drew great crowds to the river banks, where illuminated gunboats were lined up.

The Duke of Gloucester represented Queen Elizabeth at yesterday's ceremony. He arrived here on Thursday, and on Friday laid a wreath in the royal mausoleum. He also visited the Emir Abdul Illah, the Regent, and presented to him the Queen's gift of a pair of silver candelabra for King Feisal. Among others in Baghdad for the ceremony were Emir Saud, Crown Prince of Saudi Arabia, and the Crown Prince of Ethiopia.

Clad in the uniform of field-marshal, the King, who is just 18, made an impressive figure as he took the oath in a clear firm voice. Only afterwards, in a short speech in which he praised the manner of his upbringing by the Regent and by his mother, the late Queen Aliyah, did the King show any emotion.

Addressing the nation's representatives, the King said: "With God's will, your cooperation, and that of my noble people, I shall be a constitutional monarch and safeguard democratic principles." He expressed confidence that the people would unite in support of him for the welfare and prosperity of the country."

KING HUSSEIN TAKES OATH

AMMAN, May 3: Amman was jubilant yesterday when King Hussein came of age and took the oath in Parliament as the first step in his inauguration as King of Jordan. Triumphal arches are erected over the main streets from the royal palace to the Parliament buildings, and flags are flying from shops and houses. Thousands of people stood in the streets from early morning to watch the King's procession.

At 9.30 the King, accompanied by the Prime Minister, drove in a car guarded by armed motor-cyclists and infantry to Parliament. The people in the streets, including many who had arrived in Amman from other parts of the kingdom for the ceremony, hailed the King, and women threw flowers on his car from balconies. At the Parliament building, the King inspected a guard of honour of the Arab Legion while the Arab Legion band played.

The Prime Minister expressed his wishes for a happy and prosperous reign; and the President of the Senate, Ibrahim Hashem, voiced similar sentiments. The King stood and took the oath thus: "I swear by the name of God that I will preserve the constitution and be faithful to my people." A salute of 101 rounds from guns of the Arab Legion announced the King's accession to his constitutional powers.

A message of congratulation to King Hussein from his father, King Talal, who is undergoing treatment in Cairo, read: "I pray God to make this era one of prosperity, happiness, and welfare. May God keep you always happy and successful."

The Duke of Gloucester is due in Amman on Tuesday to present a message from Queen Elizabeth to King Hussein.

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Farmer's diary: Paul Heiney

Spring is on the hoof

DID the earth move for you this week? It moved for me. At the beginning of May we release the carthorses from their winter captivity and give them the freedom of the meadows. They have spent six dreary dank months living in their stable by day (when not at work on the fields) and by night they have rested in a strawed yard, sheltered from the cold in a lean-to, and munched dry hay. They do not complain. In fact, if I were to turn them on to the barren winter meadows they would stand at the gate and plead to be brought back in.

By April they feel the spring coming. Instead of plodding aimlessly round the yard at night, they stand sniffing the air, sensing the rising of the sap and the succulence returning to the grass. They look longingly over the gates and wait for their freedom. Some years it comes earlier than others, but this year, with an acute shortage of winter rain, persistent cold winds and no artificial fertilisers to speed things up, our meadows are slow to grow. Liberation has been a bit late, but when it comes it is a moment to savour.



At first they are nervous, but as soon as they see the grass and the first of their huge feet hits the meadow they fling their heads down with the force of hammer on anvil to bury their noses in it. Their great teeth rip the grass from the earth, and I swear their eyelids flicker in ecstasy.

This state lasts for only a few minutes. Such is the delight of the fresh grass that they must celebrate in movement. One horse will start to trot round the field, flinging its head high. This will distract the other and together they will trot, faster with each circuit. One will turn on the spot and kick out playfully at its mate, who will brake sharply with a slither and gallop in the other direction. Then they pause, breathless, until overcome by the headiness of the occasion they charge again, probably in the other direction. The scene can appear violent, but if you know the horses you can tell their bodies are coursing with delight. It can last for half an hour: biting, kicking, bucking, galloping, munching, playing.

Then comes the collapse. To watch a horse the size of a Suffolk Punch fall to the ground is to see a heavyweight boxer turn suddenly into a ballet dancer. It happens very slowly. Their heads droop as though they are going to faint; then their legs go at the knees as if turned to jelly; but they are in controlled descent, for as soon as they reach a few inches off the ground they shift their weight to one side so as to land their bellies with hardly a bump. A ton of horse has come to rest. Then, with a mighty heave and grunt, they twist themselves on to their backs and rub and rub and rub until some climactic satisfaction overtakes them. Their insides must slosh from side to side, for the accumulated gas produced by the rapid intake of fresh grass comes bellowing out of their rear ends with a force sufficient to wake the dead in the next parish. While one horse is indulging in this massage, the other may still be at the gallop.

This is when the earth moves. You can feel it several fields away. You hear a rumble of galloping hooves, punctuated by the rasping report of a gaseous escape. You can keep your dawn chorus and your cuckoos; these are my harbingers of spring.

This is not the time for introspection, however. The grass is growing, showers of rain are forecast. And I do believe I can feel a warm wind on my cheek. But perhaps it is only the other horse who has taken to his back and is saluting the turn of the season with a trumpeted fanfare that only a rolling carthorse can emit.

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Hard at work: heavy horses are in the fields again. Some will be on parade near Portsmouth on Monday

BEASTS & BIRDS

LONDON

Spring babes: Ducklings, goslings, lambs and kids in this city open space. *Coram's Fields City Farm, 93 Guildford Street, WC1 (071-837 6138). Daily, 9am-7pm; free; no adults without children.*

Monday special: All the regular zoo residents, plus home-cooking and crafts, and the chance to go behind the scenes at the aquarium and other areas usually closed to visitors. *London Zoo, Regents Park, NW1 (071-722 3333). Daily, 9am-6pm; adult £5.30, child £3.30.*

Butterfly House: Exotic butterflies flying free in an indoor jungle. *Syon Park, Brentford, Middlesex (081-560 7272). Daily 10am-3.30pm; adult £1.50, under-15s £1.10, family ticket £5.50.*

Shire stables: Working dray horses in their impressive old stables. Also a collection of geese, ducks and goats. *Young & Co, The Ram Brewery, Wandsworth High Street, SW18 (081-870 0141). Tomorrow, 11am-12.30pm; free.*

BADMINTON

Whitbread championships: Cross-country from 11.15am today; showjumping tomorrow. *Badminton, Avon (045 421272). Today £20 per car; tomorrow £10.*

BIRMINGHAM

Dawn chorus walk: Hear the birds sing. Strictly for early risers. *Rea Valley, RSPB Woods, Moor Green Woods (021-442 4226/472 7775). Mon 4am, returning for breakfast. Free, pay for breakfast.*

BRIGHTON

Horse driving trials: Dressage, marathons and obstacle driving courses. Also heavy horses on show, dog agility classes and trade stands. *Stanmer Park, Brighton (0273 677188). Today from 8.30am for dressage and cross-country marathon; tomorrow, 8am-2.30pm, for marathon and obstacle course; free for pedestrians, £8 car-parking.*

DUNSTABLE

Whipsnade new arrivals: Bear and tiger cubs, a chimp, a white rhino calf and a newly hatched vulture named Vince are among the attractions. *Whipsnade Wild Animal Park, Bedfordshire (0582 872171). Today, 10am-6pm; tomorrow, Mon, 10am-7pm; adult £5.95, child £3.95, OAPs and students £4.95.*

EDINBURGH

City zoo: Daily activities include a penguin parade at 2.30pm and sealion feeding at 3pm; new baby chimp. *Edinburgh Zoo, Corstorphine Road, EH12 (031-334 9171). Daily, 9am-6pm; adult £3.85, child £2.*

Butterflies and insects: Scorpions and tarantulas on show, as well as lots of exotic butterflies. *Melville Nurseries, Lasswade, Midlothian (031-663 4832). Daily, 10am-5pm; adult £2.65, OAPs £2.05, child £1.50, under-fives free, family ticket £7.65.*

GLASGOW

Guided walk: Explore Dawsholm in an hour-long country trail to see woodland flowers and park bird life. *Dawsholm Park, Iley Road (041-632 9299). Tomorrow, main gate 2pm; free.*

HARROGATE

Sheepdog trials: About 100 shepherds and their dogs compete. *Ryedale Sheepdog Society, Skipton Road, Fewston, North Yorks (0751 747700). Mon, 7.30am until dusk; free.*

HIGH WYCOMBE

Horses at home: More than 100 retired horses, ponies and donkeys. *Speen Farm, near Lacey Green, Buckinghamshire (0494 488464). Daily, 2-4pm; free.*

LINCOLN

Hatching time: Spot the first goslings and ducklings hatching in nests all over the reserve. *Wetlands Waterfowl Reserve and Exotic Bird Park, Sutton-cum-Lound, Retford, Lincolnshire (0777 818099). Today, tomorrow, Mon, 10am-5.30pm; adult £1.50, child £1, registered disabled 50p.*

LOOE

New baby monkey: Two-month-old Oscar meets his public. *Monkey Sanctuary, near Looe, Cornwall (05036 2532). Tomorrow, Mon, 10.30am-5pm; adult £3.50, child £1.50.*

MANSFIELD

Rare farm animals: Patagonian cavies and Iron Age pigs are the unusual new arrivals. Lambs, fawns and goat kids. *Sherwood Forest Farm Park, nr Edwinstowe, Notts (0623 822255). Today, tomorrow, Mon, 10.30am-5.30pm; adult £2, child £1.25, OAPs £1.50.*

PORTSMOUTH

Heavy horse parade: More than 50 horses, including shires, Percherons and Clydesdales. *Castlefield Arena, Southsea (0705 834146). Mon, harnessing begins 11am, parade assembles at noon, and procession starts at 12.30pm; free.*

TUNBRIDGE WELLS

Country May Day: Dray rides with the Whitbread shire horses, owl-flying displays (wind permitting) and new arrivals in the pets corner. Also, morris dancers, maypole dancing and a showbiz football match at 3pm. *Whitbread Hop Farm, Beltring, Paddock Wood, Kent (0622 872408). Today, 10am-6pm; adult £3, child £2.*

WINCHESTER

Conservation collages: Exhibition of artwork by Hampshire Cubs, Beavers, Scouts, Guides, Rainbows and Brownies. Young jaguar cubs in the 100 acre park, which is home to 1,000 animals, mostly endangered species. *Marwell Hall Zoological Park, Colden Common, Winchester (0962 777406). Today, tomorrow, Mon, 10am-6pm; adult £4.80, child £3.70, OAPs £4.20.*

SUE MOORE

FAIRS & FESTIVALS

LONDON

Magic festival: Members of the Magic Circle perform and demonstrate their skills. Also stalls and exhibitions. *Covent Garden, WC2. Today, tomorrow, Mon, 11am-6pm; free.*

Canalway cavalcade: About 100 boats from the London branch of the Inland Waterways Association gather for pageants, fireworks, a teddy bears' picnic and a procession of illuminated boats. Also craft stalls, folk music. *Little Venice, W9. Today, tomorrow and Mon, 10am-6pm. Boats pageant, today 2.30pm; teddy bears' picnic, tomorrow 3pm; illuminated procession, tomorrow 9pm. Free.*

Wheels of yesterday: Large gathering of vintage commercial vehicles, an oldtime fair, stalls, auto-jumble and steam engines. *Crystal Palace Park, SE19. Today, tomorrow, Mon, 10am-5pm; free.*

BARNARD CASTLE

Escafeld society in combat: Thirteenth century knights do battle. Also mime, dance, and a tourney. *Barnard Castle, Co Durham (0833 38212). Tomorrow, Mon, from 2pm; adult £3, child £2.*

BIGGLESWADE

Shuttleworth flying start: Historic planes airborne, with emphasis on women in aviation to commemorate first woman to gain a pilot's certificate — Mrs Hilda Hewitt in 1911. Plus free-falling members of the Metropolitan Police parachute team. *Old Warden Aerodrome, Bedfordshire (0767 27288). Tomorrow, gates open 9am, display 2pm.*

BOLSOVER

Medieval tournaments plus falconry training demonstrations and a talk on birds of prey. From 1pm. *Bolsover Castle, near Chesterfield, Derbyshire (0246 825349). Tomorrow, Mon from 2pm. Modest charge.*

CHICHESTER

Guild of Sussex Craftsmen: Craftspeople celebrate the guild's 21st birthday with many demonstrations. *Weald and Downland Open Air Museum, Singleton, West Sussex (0243 63348). Today, tomorrow, Mon.*

DOVER

Medieval combat: Skills-at-arms and archery with knights and soldiers of the Order of the Black Prince. *Dover Castle, Kent (0304 201628). Mon, noon and 2.30pm.*

OXFORD

May Day: Variety of bands from rock to jazz, craft, produce, and other stalls, a number of "green" events. *South Park, Mon.*

PORT TALBOT

Medieval charity day: Jousting display, marching bands competition, craft fair and medieval diversions. *Margam Park, West Glamorgan (0639 881635). Mon, 10am-6pm; £2.50, family ticket £7.50.*

ROMNEY

Victorian May picnic: Wear Victorian dress and take a picnic. Brass and jazz bands, croquet, morris dancers. *High Elms Park, Romney, Kent. Tomorrow, 11am-5pm; free.*

ROSS-ON-WYE

Medieval pageantry: Knights, ladies, dancing, drama, and a mini-tournament, with members of the Medieval Heritage Society. *Goodrich Castle, Herefordshire (0600 890538). Tomorrow, Mon, from 2pm, adult £2.50, child £1.*

SANDWICH

Corridors of time: Displays showing the development of Roman armies, weapons, and tactics in Britain over a 350-year period. *Richborough Castle, Kent (0304 612013). Tomorrow, Mon, 2pm and 4pm; adult £2.50, child £1.*

WEYMOUTH

International beach kite festival: Demonstrations, competitions and stalls in two large flying areas. *The Esplanade, Dorset. Today, tomorrow, Mon.*

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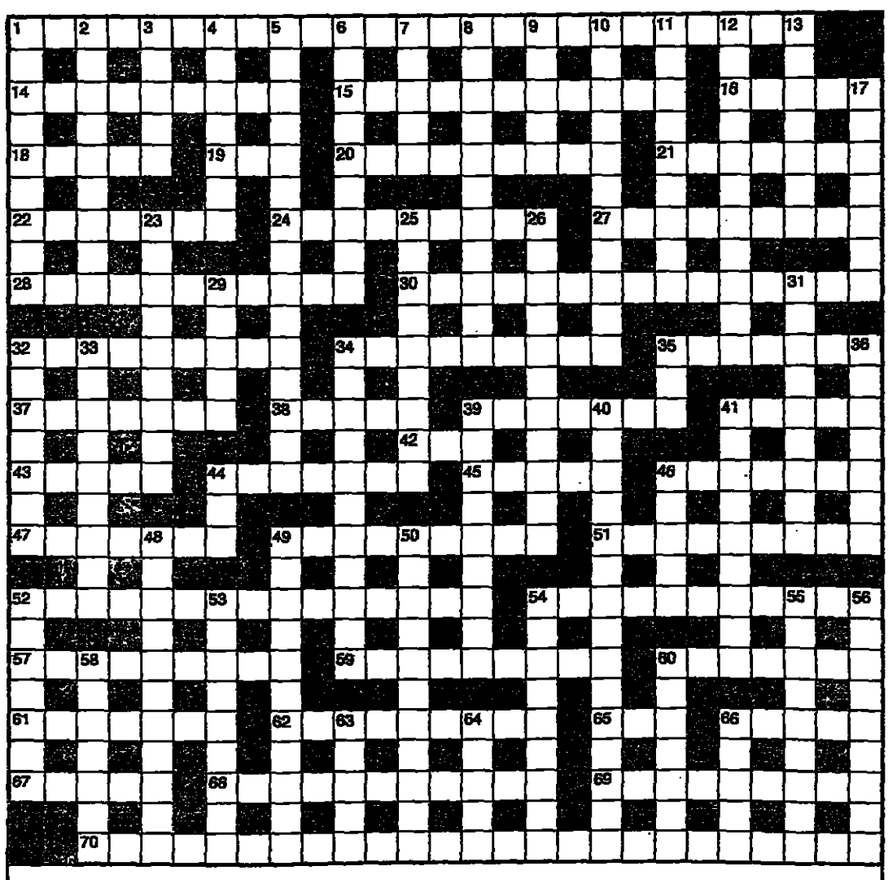
Spring craft fair: Large annual fair with many exhibitors, some demonstrating skills. Also falconry and other entertainments. *Woburn Abbey, Bedfordshire (0525 290666). Today, tomorrow, Mon, 10am-6pm. Admission to park, £2.50 per car; to fair, adult £2, child £1.*

JUDY FROSHAUG

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Prizes of £50 will be given for the first five correct solutions opened on Monday May 20, 1991. Entries should be sent to May Jumbo Crossword, The Times, 1 Pennington Street, London, E1 9XN. The winners and solution will be published on Saturday May 25.



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ACROSS

1 How travel-fund of seagoing elopers was held by the Old Bill, we hear (7, 2, 2, 1, 4-5, 4).
14 Deep breath? (3,6).
15 Carelessly, he blew shaft of hand-cart (11).
16 So much gas from Hilary, for example, going round hospital! (5).
18 "The —— increaseth every day" *(J Caesar)* (5).
19 Short notice? Job-centre will make a fuss (3).
20 Being about 21, a lot dance with abandon (9).
21 Falsehoods from politicians pursuing Sunday opening (7).
22 Nothing rained off, according to the barometer (7).
24 Corresponding, I study ancient coin (9).
27 Gargantuan soldier, very *industrious* (5-4).
28 He has no will to stop car approaching street (11).
30 New motoring article concerned with angular calculation (15).
32 Soldiers calling for amnesty (9).
34 Trumpets and horns introduce outline of action of "The Perfect Fool," for example (9).
35 This songbird flags (7).
37 Copper's today without a care! (7).
38 Craft put in the dustbin (5).
39 Father going round Italian square with quick light steps (3-1-3).
41 A married girl is out of bounds! (5).
42 Silver ring in the past (3).
43 A customary tax for a four-day meeting (5).
44 Flower of Thessaly's summer? (7).
45 Cunning move reported in the county (5).
46 Win over Bill in horse-race (7).
47 Disagreeable, the German wind! (7).
49 One warned not to settle, for example, near his work (9).
51 Deliveries left port with too much in hold (9).
52 Grey local editor, turned composer (9-6).
54 The Lord of the Rings? (11).
57 Dia — a coin no longer used (4-5).
59 Flat spoonful given to minor (9).
60 Immortal English marine bird with a long tail (7).
61 Made second draft for rebuilding tower behind Royal Exchange (7).
62 Consider what Archie Rice tried to do (9).
65 Band comprising ten instrument ensemble initially (3).
66 Precentor not finishing part of long poem (5).
67 He made notes for the Washington Post (5).
68 Prime suspect, fellow with no class, is not prepared to be torn apart (11).
69 Unable to get out after a fall (9).
70 Peacock's opening in which the wretch's faults stick out? (3,4,4,4,3,7).

DOWN

1 Refuse to come down for the work of Eliot (5,4).
2 Reduction expected in a bargain area? (9).
3 Block with standard lines (5).
4 Most of parliament difficult for the intransigent? (3-4).
5 A sentence should not be terminated in such a manner! (15).
6 Shopkeeper who might well suffer from poor circulation (9).
7 Worry of charges announced (5).
8 Glen has a way of speaking for so long (11).
9 Mill Lodge? (5).
10 Not strict, using oil — rue the outcome! (11).
11 "Towards the Footlights" — blue drama (4,5).
12 Partner too hot to change for cricket, say (11).
13 They are entitled to retire (7).
17 False start at Newmarket, say? (7).
23 *Iris* has a stock of perfume (5-4).
25 Term offensive to Greeks, presumably? (9).
26 Untied row of willowherb (11).
29 Island dismissing head so unfeelingly! (5).
31 Some solid backing for the papers, under pressure from the top (9).
32 Restore miracle play (7).
33 Variety in Orsino's food-chamber? (5-4).
34 Slave has vest on, brand-new (11).
35 Punt in Danube taken out (3).
36 Old guitar, if fitted with new head, would be a boomer! (7).
39 Upright animal with quarters at the inn was for hire (4-5).
40 It causes a reaction to light material on film (15).
41 To be of use, fit on tap (9).
44 The bearing of a first-class regiment (3).
46 Exultation of an ape set free? (5).
48 Straight talk from the board (11).
49 New guardian should watch over our course (11).
50 Signal-carrier in the Royal Navy? (11).
52 Commanding Officer short-changed the troops (7).
53 Work of this size needs new copper diode on tick (9).
54 Controlling females in the colonies? (5,4).
55 *Buttercups uncurl in a wild setting* (9).
56 Jealous setter perhaps not a member of the union in America (6-3).
58 Canon leads prayer for action (7).
60 Soon, Noel will turn out in *work-unit* (7).
63 Land for a row of houses when church is removed (5).
64 They were loved once as a family of violin makers (5).
66 Firm support for ladies that is dangerous, but does not constrict (5).

SOLUTION TO NO 2474 (Yesterday's concise crossword)

ACROSS: 1 Gobble 4 Evoked 9 Glutton 10 Lhasa 11 Girl 12 Parallel 14 Understanding 16 Efficacy 18 Spot 20 Thump 21 Drastic 23 Rotate 24 Closet

DOWN: 1 Gig 2 Blurred 3 Late 5 Villainy 6 Kraal 7 Deadlight 8 Infanticide 11 Gauleiter 13 Crackpot 15 Impetus 17 Fault 19 Fail 22 Cut

Concise Jumbo

There are no prizes for this crossword. The solution will appear on Monday

ACROSS

1 Dominant US group member (5,5,5,10)
14 Unseat (9)
15 Affix tag (3,2,6)
16 Cuts (5)
18 Points/slips intermediary (5)
19 Rower (3)
20 Followers (7,2)
21 Put to shame (7)
22 Struggles (7)
24 Story-telling (9)
27 Run-through (9)
28 Bracket (11)
30 Completely emptied (5,2,1,7)
32 Il Duce (9)
34 Disparages (9)
35 Matter/energy science (7)
37 Predisposition (4,3)
38 Northern Nigeria people (5)
39 Resumé (7)
41 Below (5)
42 Fabulous bird (3)
43 Stocking thread (5)
44 Posy (7)
45 Bowler's approach (3,2)
46 Win back (7)
47 Let fall (7)
49 Fencing (9)
51 Without smell (9)
52 Concise comprehensiveness (15)
54 Fast heart pulsation (11)
57 Special benefit (9)
59 Scope to move (5,4)
60 Forgetful (7)
61 Invigorate (7)
62 Speech science (9)
65 British print union (1,1,1)
66 Costume (5)
67 Red-brown colour (5)
68 Feed furnace (5,2,4)
69 Co-ordinator (9)
70 Harem flight opera (3,10,3,3,6)

DOWN

1 Agitated (7-2)
2 Perfection seeker (9)
3 Competitor (5)
4 Constricted strait (7)
5 Curtail ambition (5,4,6)
6 Blue corundums (9)
7 Radio valve gas (5)
8 Visiting (3-8)
9 Wanders (5)
10 Play safe (4,2,5)
11 Sailor's carving (9)
12 Deviation from *usual* (11)
13 Objective plans (7)
17 Pale azure (3,4)
23 Spiny lobster (9)
25 Supplementary (9)
26 Refined (11)
29 Lift (5)
31 Inferior (5,4)
32 Spoke indistinctly (7)
33 Desert gale (9)
34 Middle class (11)
35 Wages (3)
36 Tiny crustaceans (7)
39 Fine woodcutter (9)
40 Leave youth (8,7)
41 Not sure (9)
44 Sleep land (3)
46 Spacious (5)
48 Bring on suddenly (11)
49 Impervious to light rain (6,5)
50 French/Vietminh 1954 battle (4,4,3)
52 Eliminating matches (3,4)
53 Just cause (3,6)
54 Bride's outfit (9)
55 Indigestion (9)
56 Inherited from forefathers (9)
58 Tasteless (7)
60 Combination (7)
63 West Indian witchcraft (5)
64 Cake extra (5)
66 Slow learner (5)

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Scottish Railway Preservation Society: Ride on the Bo'ness & Kennel standard gauge 3½-mile railway. Visit the Fireclay mine, with 140 items of vintage rolling stock and relocated railway buildings on display. Also, the newly opened country trip on the Forth Valley line.
Bo'ness Station, West Lothian (0506 822298). Today, tomorrow.

BRESSINGHAM

Museum and railway: Forty road and railway engines and four railways give steam-hauled rides through scenic country and gardens.
Near Diss, Norfolk (0379 88386). Tomorrow, Mon; adult £3, child £2, under-fours free.

BUCKFASTLEIGH

Round trip: One-hour ride from Buckfastleigh to Totnes, much of the journey beside the River Dart. Special Thomas the Tank Engine events.
Buckfastleigh, Devon (0364 42338). Today, tomorrow, Mon; adult £4.90, child £3.30.

DIDCOT

Holiday show: Great Western Railway steam trains in action and, on Sunday, number 71000 Duke Of Gloucester — the only express passenger locomotive built for British Rail. Rides, guided tours, small relics museum.
Didcot Railway Centre, Oxfordshire (0235 817200). Tomorrow, Mon; adult £3.60, child £2.50, family ticket £10.30.

DUDLEY

Heritage festival: Canal village, coalmine, beam and traction engines, tram rides, narrowboat trips and other attractions.
Black Country Museum, West Midlands (021-557 9643). Today, tomorrow, Mon.

KEIGHLEY

Novel journey: The five-mile Keighley and Worth Valley railway passes southwards into hills and Brontë country. Trains from Keighley and Oxenhope.
Haworth station, Keighley, West Yorks. Talking timetable 0535 643629. Today, tomorrow, Mon. Return adult fare £3.50, child £1.75.

LIPHOOK

Hollycombe steam: Working collection set in woodland and gardens, plus a big wheel, fairground rides and display of tractors and engines.
Hollycombe Steam Collection, Hampshire (0428 724900). Tomorrow, Mon; adult £3.50, child £2.50, under-twos free.

LYDNEY

Dean Forest rides: Steam rides from Norchard towards Lydney lakeside. Relics and rolling stock.
Norchard Steam Centre, Gloucestershire (0594 843423). Tomorrow, Mon; adult £2.50, child £1.50 (includes unlimited rides all day).

MANCHESTER

Working locos: Steam engine displays and permanent collection of machinery and hands-on science displays.
Museum of Science and Industry, Liverpool Road, Castlefield (061-832 2244). Daily 10am-5pm; adult £2.60, child/concession £1.30.

MERTHYR TYDFIL

Brecon mountains: Historic little railway running between Pant and Pontsicill, with locomotives from north and south Wales, Germany and South Africa.
Pant Station, Glamorgan. Check times and prices on 0685 4854.

NEWBURY

Fantasia: More than 30 traction engines, a fairground, big wheel, 1890s steam roundabout, a miniature steam railway, hot air balloons, American civil war re-enactment.
New Showground, Chieveley Park, Berkshire. Today, tomorrow, Mon, 10am-6pm; adult £3.50, child £1.50, under-fives free.

PORTHMADOG

Ffestiniog run: Oldest narrow-gauge railway in the world, built in 1836. The 13¾-mile track runs from Porthmadog to Blaenau Ffestiniog.
Harbour Station, Porthmadog, Gwynedd (0766 512340). Today, tomorrow, Mon. Return adult fare £9.80, accompanied child under 15 free; first class return £11.80, child £5.90.

SHEPTON MALLET

Somerset stock: Collection of locomotives and wagons, including the Black Prince and the Green Dragon, plus David Shepherd's art gallery.
Cranmore, Somerset (0749 88417). Tomorrow, Mon.

TENTERDEN

Kent and East Sussex railway: First railway to be constructed under the 1896 Light Railways Act. Large collection of locomotives and rolling stock. Lunches and teas on trains. Book ahead.
Tenterden Railway Company, Kent (0580 62943). Tomorrow, Mon. Return adult fare £4.90, child £2.45, under-fives free.

UCKFIELD

Bluebell Railway: Bank holiday steamings at this picturesque railway. Refreshments and licensed bar at Sheffield Park, full buffet at Horsted Keynes.
Sheffield Park Station, Sussex (0825 723777). Today, tomorrow, Mon. Return adult fare, £4, child £2, under-threes free.

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JOHN ROGERS



The wonder of trains: thousands of devotees will track down steam railways over the bank holiday weekend in an attempt to relive a golden age

MUSEUMS

LONDON

Sports shoes and satellites: Exhibition about the Earth's satellites, and displays concerning the history and construction of the trainer. Also films and drama, with actors performing in various galleries.
Science Museum, Exhibition Road, SW7 (071-938 8008/8080). Mon-Sat 10am-6pm, Sun 11am-6pm; adult £3.50, child £1.75, under-fives free, over-60s £2.

Natural history: New exhibition on global greenhouse effect. Insects and spiders in "Creepy Crawlie" display.
Natural History Museum, Cromwell Road, SW7 (071-938 9123). Mon-Sat 10am-6pm, Sun 1-6pm, adult £2.50, under-15s and concessions £1.25; free today, tomorrow, Mon 5-6pm.

Henry VIII at Greenwich: New exhibition of Tudor treasures.
National Maritime Museum, Romney Road, SE10 (081-858 4422); Mon-Sat 10am-6pm, Sun 2-6pm; adult £3.25, child, OAPs £2.25.

BIRMINGHAM

Wicked Bastard by Venus: Contemporary adaptation of *As You Like It*, performed by the Custard Factory Theatre Company.
Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery, Chamberlain Square (021-235 2834). Tomorrow 3pm, free.

CARDIFF

Celts in Wales: Exhibition includes metal firedogs, jewellery and reconstructed Iron Age roundhouse. Interactive computer program links Welsh to other Celtic languages.
National Museum of Wales, Catheys Park (0222 373219). Tues-Sat and bank holiday Mon, 10.30am-5pm, Sun 2.30-5pm; adult £1, child 50p, OAPs and UB40s 75p.

EDINBURGH

Historic aircraft: Thirty examples on show, including a Gypsy Moth and a Vulcan bomber.
Museum of Flight, East Fortune Airfield, North Berwick (0620 88308). Mon-Sat 10am-4.30pm, Sun noon-4.30pm; free.

Agricultural miscellany: Farm machinery, room settings, fold art and workshops.
Scottish Agricultural Museum, showground (near Edinburgh airport) (031-333 2674). Today and Mon 10am-5pm, tomorrow noon-6pm; free.

LIVERPOOL

Jordan treasures: Sole British showing of a collection documenting 9,000 years of Jordanian arts and crafts.
Liverpool Museum and Walker Art Gallery, William Brown Street (051-207 7787). Mon-Sat 10am-5pm, Sun noon-5pm. Adult 50p, child 20p.

YORK

Monsters of the deep: Simulated undersea adventure, with audio-visual effects, live sharks and octopus, and models of huge sea creatures and extinct reptiles.
Yorkshire Museum, Museum Gardens (0904 629745). Mon-Sat 10am-5pm, Sun 1-5pm. Adult £1.80, child £1, family ticket £4.

S.M.

CHILDREN'S PLAYS

LONDON

Family festival: Varied programme of free entertainments including *The Invasion of Space Station Thwrakold* by Bonkers International at noon today, and *Roll Over*, a musical play for the under-fives, at 2pm today. Tomorrow's events focus on jazz, and Monday's activities include a theatre workshop for five to 13-year-olds. Plus clowns, juggling, mime artists and musicians throughout the weekend.
Barbican Centre, Silk Street, EC1 (information 071-638 4141, ext 218/365).

May Day festival: Clowns, magic, face-painting and street entertainers, all sponsored by LWT and watched over by the crew from *London's Burning*.
Battersea Arts Centre, Old Town Hall, Lavender Hill, SW11 (071-223 6557). Mon, noon; free.

Puppet fun: *Lancelot the Lion*, animal adventures for three to six-year-olds, and Hans Christian Anderson's tale *The Little Mermaid*, for over-fives.
Little Angel Marionette Theatre, 14 Dagmar Passage, off Cross Street, N1 (071-226 1787). Today, Lancelot at 11am (£3.50, child £2.50). Mermaid at 3pm (£4, child £3).

Adventure: *Elementary, Mr Holmes* and *Minna, the Chickie and the Brickie* for under-fives.
Polka Children's Theatre, 240 The Broadway, Wimbledon, SW19 (081-543 4888). Today. Holmes at 2pm and 5.30pm, £4. Minna at 12.30pm and 2.30pm, £2.20.

Kazzam circus: Juggling, clowning and mayhem from the inventive Kazzam Art Project.
Tricycle Theatre, 269 Kilburn High Road, NW6 (071-328 1000). Today, 11.30am; adult £2.25, child and concessions £1.50.

BIRMINGHAM

Writers' and readers' festival: Includes the first Football Writing Convention, National Football Fanzine Awards and a "football crazy" event for children. Tomorrow, noon and 2pm; £1.50. Giant crossword, book quiz and pop-up book activities on Monday, with a poetry reading by Simon Pitt at noon; £2. The "Voice of Youth", Asian rapper Apache, will be performing at 5pm; £2.
Midland Arts Centre, Cannon Hill Park (021-440 3838).

CARDIFF

Snow Queen: Presto Puppets' version of the tale in which a wicked queen turns children into snowflakes.
Arena Theatre, Sherman Theatre, Senghennydd Road, (0222 230451).

CHELTENHAM

Leave him to Heaven: Lively rock 'n' roll musical.
Everyman Theatre, Regent's Street (0242 572573). Today, 7pm and 10.30pm; £6-£12. Mon, 7pm and 10.30pm; £5-£6.

GLASGOW

Pond-dipping: Young naturalists (eight to 12-year-olds) are invited to investigate the toads and other wildlife in the Pollok fishpond.
Pollok Country Park, Pollokshaw Road (041-632 9299). Today, 10am-noon; meet at the Countryside Rangers Centre. Membership of Young Naturalists Club, 50p; park open 8am-dusk; free.

LIVERPOOL

The Rod, Jane and Freddy Show: Musical entertainment for the over-fives from the popular ex-Rainbow threesome.
Empire Theatre, Lime Street (051-709 1555). Today, 2pm; £4.50, child £3.50.

S.M.

Feather report

Listen to the garden frenzy

MAY is here, the great month of the birding year, and the bank holiday weekend is a grand annual celebration for birders. October is the month for twitchers, but May is when it all happens for the birds. Birds breed, birds sing, birds display, and everywhere you find birds, you find a world exploding with fecundity. This is the weekend for celebrating life: here are a few suggestions on how and where to do it.

Suggestion one is your back garden. This is peak of the year for birdsong: the dawn chorus reaches its demented peak right now.

This spring has been slow, but most of the summer singers have arrived. A trip to any decent bit of woodland could — or even should — bring you wood warblers, pied flycatchers, and best of all, nightingales. Nightingales sing day *and* night: listen for a series of whistles that might make the bird burst with the intensity of it, followed by a bizarre, unbirdlike thrumming: twit twit twit jug jug jug: T.S. Eliot had it to a T.

This is a good time to visit a seabird colony. A cliff-edge community offers the best and noisiest kind of soap opera ever devised: a non-stop din of quarrelling, greeting, feeding and pairing off.

There are good colonies that are easy to visit at Bempton cliffs, Humberside and South Stack cliffs, Anglesey. Bass Rock, in the Firth of Forth, gives spectacular views of gannets, which fly like archangels, land like Eddie the Eagle and walk like Coco the clown.

The breeding frenzy continues in every habitat across the country. This weekend offers southerners a last chance to see the waders, the mud-lovers, in their sumptuous summer plumage before they move north to their breeding grounds. Look for sanderling, curlew sandpiper, knot and bar-tailed godwit at places such as Minsmere, in Suffolk, and Titchwell and Cley, in Norfolk.

Minsmere, of course, has the bonus of breeding avocets: a sight no person should miss. Bank holidays see Minsmere packed to the gunwales: the answer for a casual visitor is to use the two public hides along the beach just outside the reserve: all the avocets and none of the hassles.

The south coast is another good place to be over the weekend. The best places are the bird observatories of Portland Bill, Dorset, and Dungeness, Kent: but all points in between can be interesting, especially Beachy Head, in east Sussex, and Selsey Bill, west Sussex. Look for a big movement of pomarine skuas, and the arrival of terns, swifts and swallows.

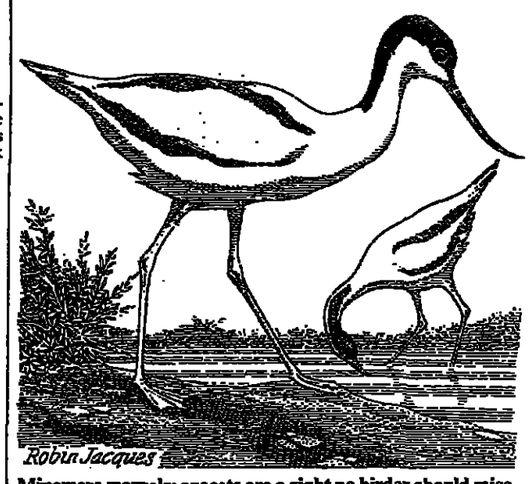
Perhaps the best treat in the northwest is the bitterns of Leighton Moss, Lancashire; as long as you do not expect to see them. But you can listen for them: in May, bitterns make their gentle, long-carrying call known as booming.

If you want to try a spot of twitching, the south coast is the place. Richard Millington, of Birdline, predicts rarities from the Mediterranean: bee-eater, bluethroat, red-rumped swallow, and continental species of wheatear.

I shall not be doing that, however. I plan a quiet stroll in nightingale country and, on any fine evening, a visit to the great Hadley Wood bird observatory, in north London. This happens to be my back garden: there, beer in hand, I will enjoy the songs of a dozen common birds, and listen out for the return of the garden warbler that showed up this week and then vanished. May is the month that teems with life. Something worth drinking to.

SIMON BARNES

● **What's about:** *Twitchers — white stork (possible escape) seen flying over Lowestoft; Savi's warbler at Leighton Moss reserve, Lancashire. Long stayers include ancient murrelet on Lundy, harlequin duck at Wick. Details from Birdline, 0898 700222.*



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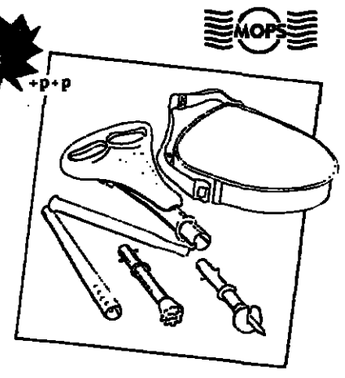
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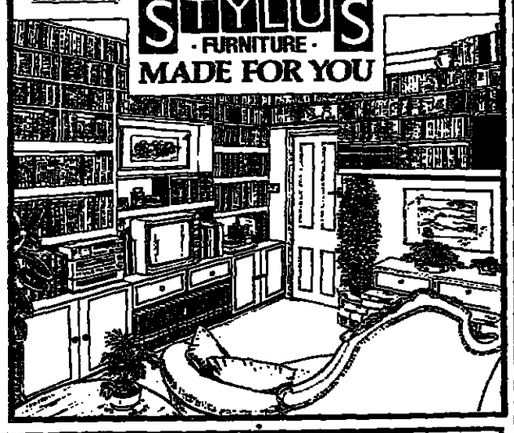
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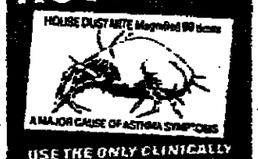
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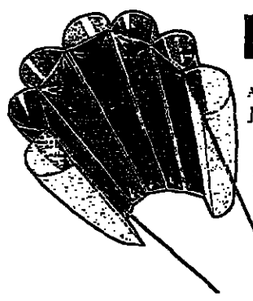


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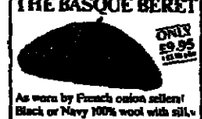
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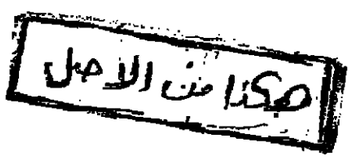
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Sarah Jane Checkland tells a story of smugglers, detective work and intrigue



Success: dealer Yanni Petsopoulos (left) and restorer Lawrence Morrocco

Thanks to the determination of a London dealer and his ingenious restorer, two magnificent 13th century Byzantine frescos, hacked by smugglers from a church during the Turkish invasion of Cyprus in 1974, have been saved. The adventure is told for the first time in a book published this month by the Menil Foundation in Texas, which funded the operation and now has possession of the frescos, which include a magnificent Christ in Majesty.

The story of the rescue began in 1984. Yanni Petsopoulos, a Greek-born dealer and publisher, was approached by a middleman acting for Turkish smugglers. He surreptitiously showed him two snapshots of fragments cut into segments by disc saws. "It was clearly something incredibly important, although it was in an appalling state," he says. He did not believe a claim by the middleman that the frescos had been found in Turkey by contractors laying the foundations of a hotel.

"The colours are magnificent, including very beautiful ochres and blues," Mr Petsopoulos says. "They are not the work of a maestro trying to show off. They convey a strong faith." The frescos comprise a dome painted with the image of Christ, his hand raised in blessing, surrounded by a circle of praying angels, and an apse with the figure of Mary, the Christ child suspended before her, and two angels in attendance.

Mr Petsopoulos approached Mrs Dominique de Menil, a Texan art philanthropist, who promised financial help were it needed. Together they wrote to the 11 countries from which the fragments, which were in a widely disseminated Byzantine style, could have come. "We got seven claims in reply, so we wrote another letter saying 'put up or shut up'."

The Republic of Cyprus provided photographic records and soon the frescos' recent history was deduced. Having spent seven centuries decorating a small church in Lysi, an area in northern Cyprus which is now a military zone, the apse and dome frescos had been ripped out some time during the invasion.

The episode has strong similarities to that of the mosaics looted from a church in the village of Lythrankomi, also in the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus, which were the subject of a court case in 1989. Having paid $1.2 million for these mosaics, the dealer Peg Goldburg, from Indianapolis, discovered she had no title to them, and that they belonged to the Greek Cypriot church. She is appealing against the decision.

Mr Petsopoulos began living dangerously. Passionately committed to Byzantine culture, which he says is unfairly associated in the British mind with "back-stabbing and political intrigue", he single-handedly negotiated with the smugglers without involving the police.

> *'Suddenly I saw in the distance some trees and a blotch in the middle. I knew I had found the church'*

He had to play an "incredibly difficult game of poker", he says, with never the same negotiator appearing twice. "It took two years of my life. I risked my reputation on it. The Cypriots might have preferred the frescos sacrificed to the smugglers going free. The smugglers could have destroyed them and I would have been perceived as an accessory."

Eventually, however, he was getting signals that the smugglers were running scared. "The carrot I could dangle was 'if you don't want this thing to go further you will have to give it all up. Otherwise I will unleash the armoury of the law.' "

Meanwhile, an agreement was being struck between the southern Cypriot republic and Mrs de Menil that the latter would pay for restoration and then take the frescos on loan for as long as the political situation remained unstable.

At last, in 1983, all 38 fragments of the frescos were tracked down to a location in Munich and passed over to London. There is no question at present of them being returned to their true home, which is now a byre.

Meanwhile, the restorer Laurence Morrocco was starting the most challenging job of his life, which was to take him four years. Presented with boxes in which the fragments had been pressed flat, he had to find a way of regaining their curvature and fitting them correctly together. His only guide was an inaccurate diagram of the church by the smugglers. "We didn't even know whether we had all the pieces," he says.

Another problem for Mr Morrocco, an Italo-Scotsman who trained under the Greek restorer Stavros Mihalarias, was the enforced secrecy. Apart from his small team of assistants, he says, "I wasn't allowed to consult associates because these things had been stolen; negotiations were going on". A trip to Cyprus to measure the church was out of the question. "The job was a trial in every respect," he says. "I wouldn't like to go through that again."

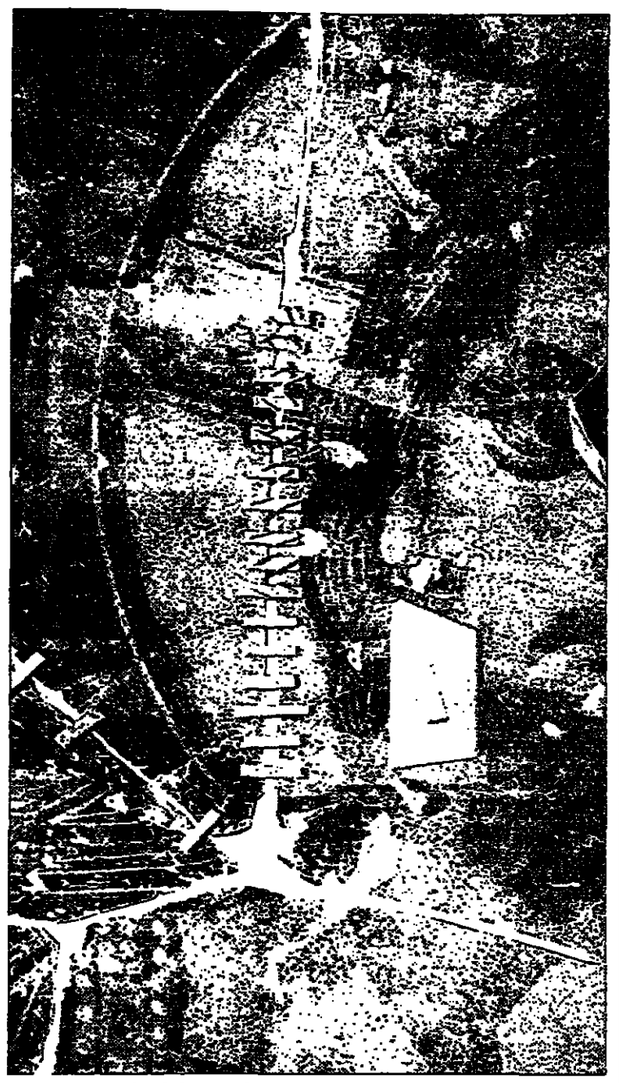
Working in a 1,800 sq ft warehouse in Greenwich, his tasks included the painstaking removal of the rubbery glue used by the smugglers to hold the frescos together. He produced a mould for the dome, and gradually pieced together the complicated jigsaw. For much of the time he worked inside a scaffolding designed for the dome by the engineers Ove Arup & Partners, finally turning the entire structure over into its correct position.

"Normally, with restoration, you see the results immediately and you know it's going to be all right," he says. "Here, most of the work was done blind, and in respect of matching the painted lines, we didn't know for two years whether we had succeeded." In November 1987, he was given permission to go to Cyprus to check his calculations. "Some of the roads had been deleted from the maps so it was difficult to find my way," he says, "I was frightened to ask anyone where the church was." But suddenly, he saw "in the distance some trees and a hazy blotch in the middle. I knew I had found it."

There among the sheep droppings, under bereft walls, Mr Morrocco brought out his tape measure. While his calculations for the apse were 18 inches out, the dome was only one inch astray.

He then returned to London, completed the reconstruction and started the final phase of retouching the damage. The frescos were then transported to the Menil Foundation, where they have pride of place.

The smugglers were never caught.



Close-up: detail of the careful restoration work on the rescued frescos

Bidding for bargains

Bank holiday preview

☐ **Hall fair:** A 35-stand antiques fair at Beaumanoir Hall, Old Woodhouse, two miles south of Loughborough, Leicestershire, organised by Robert Bailey (0277 362662); today 11am-6pm, and Monday 11am-5pm.

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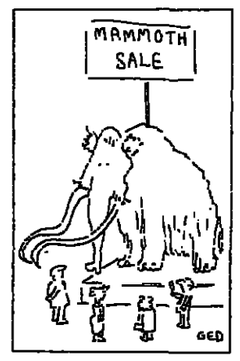
Sunday sales: Fairs at the Park Lane Hotel in Piccadilly (071-794 3551), and at Cokethorpe School (0993 703921), two miles south of Whitney on the A415. Both 11am-5pm.

Two-day events: An antiques fair at Penns Hall Hotel, Sutton Coldfield, West Midlands (0952 595622), and the South of England Ceramics Fair at the Felbridge Hotel, East Grinstead, East Sussex (0634 723461); Sunday noon-6pm, Monday 11am-5pm.

Big deal: There is what claims to be a "mammoth" antiques fair at the Brentwood Centre, Essex (0533 712589), on Monday, and, on the same day, a general sale at Brentwood Auctions, 45 North Road, Brentwood (0277 224599), 11am. Other Monday auctions include furniture and shipping goods at Neales, 192 Mansfield Road, Nottingham (0602 624141), 10.30am; ceramics and works of art at Phillips, Bath (0225 310609), 11am.

Thursday: Sotheby's swings into the secondhand clothes market with a collection of Thirties to early Seventies costume from an American museum. A 1955 Dior oyster satin and silver ball gown could now cost £3,000; 10.30am and 2.30pm. In Wolverhampton, Walker, Barnett & Hill disposes of the contents of a "Shopshire residence", including an Elizabethan oak tester bed (up to £12,000).

Thursday and Friday: Cameras, zoetropes, magic lanterns, and photographs – from 1850 nudes and Julia Margaret Cameron glass negatives to snaps of Marilyn



Monroe and Andy Warhol – should provide choice enough for collectors. Sotheby's has photo opportunities on Thursday, 10.30am and 2.30pm, followed by Christie's King Street on Friday 11am. Cameras and optical toys are at Christie's South Kensington on Thursday 2pm. Also on Thursday and Friday, 10am each day, is the spring mixed auction of antiques and paintings at Tennants, Richmond, Yorkshire.

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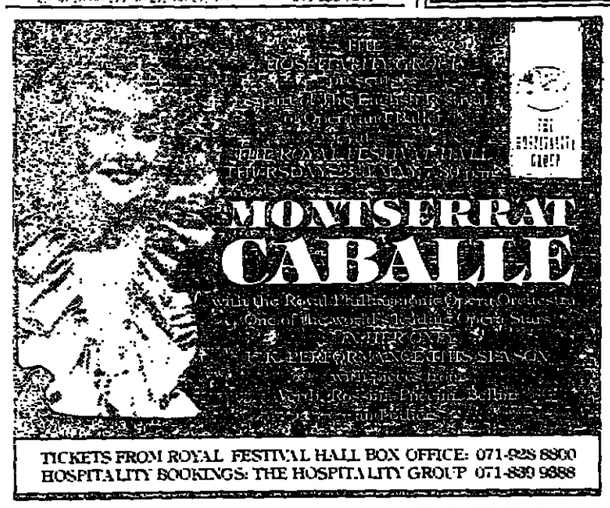
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TELEVISION REVIEW

Sleeping with the enemy, speaking like the natives

Lynne Truss commends a diverting mixture of spies, spoofs and suspense, and a documentary on liquid assets that quench the thirst for power

My pet theory about Aristotle's famous "lost" treatise on Comedy is rather heretical. My suspicion is that it was not, as is commonly assumed, a great masterpiece lost in the mists of time, but that Aristotle only pretended he had written it, then simply claimed to have mislaid it. Whenever anyone turned up at *chez* Aristotle asking for a glance at the finished copy, he would brazenly go through the motions of shuffling through his collected works, like a Lost Property Office counter-clerk. "The Comedy, you said? Right squire, let's have a look at this little lot. 'Poetics'; no. 'Ethics'; no. What's this? Oh, 'Metaphysics'; good, I thought that had disappeared." Then he would fall down giddy with relief when they stomped off home.

I do not blame him. Any attempt at a general rule of comedy is doomed to failure. But there are times – such as when watching the last episode of the highly enjoyable series, Sleepers (BBC 2, Wednesday) – when a few nice Aristotelian guidelines would be welcome. Watching this climactic episode with mounting dismay, I was gripped by a genuine fear that my heroes, the two KGB "sleepers" (Warren Clarke and Nigel Havers), would really be executed for treason in a snowy Russian forest clearing. I kept reassuring myself that *surely* the one incontrovertible rule of comedy states that you don't shoot your heroes in the back of the head, or bury them anonymously in the cold, hard ground. Working against this conviction, however, was the knowledge that *Sleepers* was nominated a "comic thriller", and that the first principle of the thriller is that you do not arm somebody with a KGB pistol unless you intend them to use it. (Aristotle, as I recall, is firm on this point.)

Of course, the comedy ended happily. But the clever thing about *Sleepers* was that this suspense was not spurious; it was properly earned. While there was nothing remotely serious about the counter-espionage plot-line in the series, there was always a dramatic potential in the fate of Clarke and Havers that it was impossible not to believe in and care about. I suspect my cries of "Don't let them die!" also owed a lot to the series' high production values. *Sleepers* was produced, directed and filmed (by Caroline Gold, Geoffrey Sax and Remi Adeferasin) as though it were a straight, high-class drama from the stable of *Bleak House* or *Tinker, Tailor, Soldier, Spy* – and the benefits were enormous. If it had been shot on video in a studio, much of the script would, no doubt, still have been effective ("You came here to kill me, Sergei." "Look, how many more times? I'm *sorry*"), but there is a high risk it would have seemed silly.

> *'There are times when Aristotelian guidelines would be welcome'*

Clarke and Havers were a delight. Though one would stake one's life that they had never answered to the names Vladimir and Sergei (and they were not old enough, anyway, to have been fully-fledged KGB officers in 1966, the year they had supposedly come to England), they were nevertheless endearing heroes, and pretty convincing as the twin results of a cultural experiment in Englishness: Clarke, the uxorious shop-steward with a heart the size of a barm-cake; Havers, the chisel-faced city whiz-kid, boasting a string of girlfriends, half a racehorse, and a home in Knightsbridge resembling a leather-armchair emporium. What was cunning about the entire set-up, of course, was that simply by speaking in their normal accents and using everyday English argot, Havers and Clarke seemed to be doing something incredibly clever. Many of the jokes in the script revolved around the cross-cultural use of slang. "He'll have my guts for garters," said a mournful Ribena-drinking Soviet intelligence man (pronouncing "guts" as "gots"). The way Havers and Clarke consistently expressed themselves in class-conditioned English (example: "I could kill you, you stupid bastard") without a trace of foreign accent was cleverly set up by *Sleepers* as a tribute to the excellence of Sergei and Vladimir's "cover".

Getting the better of your opponent by learning to speak his language was a theme that emerged elsewhere this week in Water Wars (BBC 2), the first of a promising three-part series on the role of water in politics. It concentrated on the American West where, since the cities are built on sand, the value of water in the valleys is of far greater interest than that of the gold in "them thar hills".

People are highly water-conscious in the western states. Humble Colorado farmers talk knowledgeably about levels of "ambient moisture"; Los Angeles television runs water-conservation advertisements suggesting that saving water is possibly more worthwhile than saving lives; and in Santa Barbara new businesses have sprung up spraying cosmetic green paint on parched dying lawns (thus proving, if nothing else, that it's an ill wind that blows nobody any good).

Water is power. So it is extraordinary that in the midst of all this desiccation, the American Indians of Wyoming's large Wind River Reservation have recently won a case in the Supreme Court allowing them ancient water rights. Given the historical background, the idea of Indians being granted access to power of this sort is about as astonishing as seeing water flow uphill.

They ensured their victory by equipping themselves with legal and hydrological expertise, but the decision still came as a surprise to the white farmers who depend on the Indians' water. Their livelihood now hangs on the deliberations of such bodies as the Tribal Business Council and the Tribes Hydrology Centre. One farmer referred to the new power-reversal as being like "a time-bomb that dropped out of the sky" – a confused but graphic image, indicating belief in a malevolent God determined to make sure of his target.

In such a thirsty environment, water is not a natural resource to be measured by the bucket. It is a commodity, to be sucked out of one part of the landscape and pumped to another, with its molecules rearranged en route to assume the shape of dollar-signs. *Water Wars* introduced us to a Colorado "water broker" called Craig who convinces people to invest in his enterprises by showing them maps and asking them to believe that Denver Airport is a "global bridge".

"How much water is up there, Craig?" a potential investor asked, on hearing about a new development site. "Half a million dollars' worth," was the prompt reply. Craig was evidently a shrewd businessman, who exerted a high degree of control over water-transactions in Colorado. It was a rather ghastly thought, but you could imagine that every time a toilet flushes in Denver, a bell rings on his cash-register.



"The uxorious shop-steward and the chisel-faced city whiz-kid": Warren Clarke and Nigel Havers in *Sleepers*

MARILYN KINGWILL



Charming performances: Lesley Collier as Roxane and Stephen Jefferies as Cyrano

Mockery muscles into a moonlight serenade

DANCE

Cyrano
Covent Garden

TO MAKE a ballet from a play than is largely about the use of words might be thought perverse, but David Bintley is not the first to try translating *Cyrano de Bergerac* into choreographic terms. His scenario is far more efficiently done than Roland Petit's was, 30 years ago (one of Petit's leading characters was a pistachio ice in a divertissement in Rageneau's kitchen). Bintley's choreography, premiered by the Royal Ballet on Thursday, is more varied, more expressive. He provides much more comedy. But not, judging from a very distant memory, as much romance or pathos.

For both choreographers a big, bold interpretation of the title role is the piece's main justification. Petit was his own protagonist, transcending the choreography. Bintley has built his ballet on the spirited and subtle dance-acting of Stephen Jefferies (with Irek Mukhamedov on hand to provide what will doubtless be a different emphasis next week).

Bintley treats *Cyrano* primarily as a comedy, judging that the tragic aspects would take care of themselves. His two finest moments feature the hero in mocking mood. The highlight of Act I is the duel with Valvert: a brilliantly funny dance for the two men to a fast waltz. In Act II, the episode where Cyrano delays De Guiche by pretending to have fallen from the moon is wonderfully inventive: a taunting solo full of switches and fresh starts, danced with the globe of a street lamp worn on a spaceman's helmet.

For this last episode, Wilfred Josephs' score makes witty use of moon-related quotations from Beethoven, Debussy and Haydn (but how many will recognise this last?). Otherwise, the waltz already mentioned is the only strikingly memorable moment in a score that seems close to film music in its unobtrusiveness.

With help from this and from Hayden Griffin's designs (able, but less imaginative that their previous collaborations), Bintley tells the story clearly enough, except that he has no way of showing that Cyrano and Roxane are cousins.

He even contrives, ingeniously, to give Jefferies two duets with Lesley Collier's charming Roxane – a figure of grace, elegance, playfulness and a touching naivety. Poor Christian, her official lover, is thus even more outranked than in the play, but Bruce Sansom gives the best performance of his career to assert the character's individuality: tough and funny as well as ardent. His mocking of Cyrano's nose with a wine glass is beautifully done.

Bintley uses a high-powered male corps de ballet and provides some good cameo roles, well taken by Derek Rencher, Ashley Page, Guy Niblett and Antony Dowson. But will cheeks that flowed with tears during the Depardieu film do the same here? Jefferies repeatedly shows that he commands pathos, even tragedy, as well as humour. He can even express the two moods simultaneously, for instance in the scene where he mistakes Roxane's confession and thinks she loves him, instead of Christian.

There is also real depth in the moment during the battle scene when he and Christian, on opposite sides of the stage, both realise that it is the letters, written by Cyrano in Christian's name, that she is really in love with.

But the bitter ending seems to lack a really powerful climax. In fact, the first impression is that Bintley's imagination trailed away after the second interval, leaving a disappointing final act in which the most striking moments are the first sight of the muddy trenches of Arras and the unexpected fun of a group of ball-playing St Trinian's-style nuns.

JOHN PERCIVAL

Authentic winds gust through Mozart seascape

OPERA

Idomeneo
Playhouse, Oxford

THIS is an excellent effort from the Oxford University Opera Club, distinguished by a fine team of young professional soloists, by inspiriting musical direction from Jonathan Williams and by the characterful sounds of wind instruments taken out from the university's own Bate Collection.

An attempt at the original high-fibre textures is particularly useful in this score, which Mozart wrote for the crack orchestra of his time, and though, of course, the Oxford band has its problems, Williams does well to make no allowances but to push them vigorously through the work's cascading invention. The splendour and exuberance shine through.

So it does, too, in the singing of the principals, who are helped by Amanda Holden's effective new translation. Rebecca de Pont Davies stands well as Idamante, and sings with a young man's eagerness and firmness of purpose; there is, too, a nice shine on her tone.

Ruth Holton as Ilia uses a sweet voice, not large, with unfailing musicality. Elaine McKrill presents a noble, statuesque Electra, with a vocal fullness that turns the venom into decisiveness. Mark Milhofer uses his reedy tenor well to project a portrait of a weak, spiritually wounded ruler.

Alison Brown's production is best when it stays simple: Electra is not helped by having to sing her second-act aria rolling about on the floor, nor is it a bright idea to have Ilia at the start of the last act gathering tissue-paper roses from cypress trees. But some of Jennifer Siley's economical designs are good, especially the triple tier of Minoan wave forms created for the coastal scenes.

There is one further performance tonight.

PAUL GRIFFITHS

CONCERT

LPO/Nagano
Festival Hall/
Radio 3

MORE on Nikolai Roslavets. After the grave letdown last week of his 1925 Violin Concerto, the London Philharmonic under Kent Nagano on Thursday night introduced his *Aux heures de la nouvelle lune*, or at least some of it, and partly his. What we heard was described as an "edited" version of a Soviet musicologist's completion of an unfinished student piece. The status of such a realisation has to be somewhat dubious, but there was certainly more than enough, even in a performance lasting only 11 minutes, to confirm that Roslavets had his roots well and truly dug into the exotic garden of Scriabin.

The colossal climaxes were there, not only at the end but also perilously close to the start of the piece. Present, too, were the excited trills, the languourous harmonies, the silk-sheen textures, the short motifs repeated over and over to achieve or maintain a state of delirium, and even the commanding trumpet of the *Poem of Ecstasy*, heard in this hall just two days before. The only features that distinguish this piece as not possibly by Scriabin are the lack of interest in the melodic ideas and the recollection, again pale, of Mussorgsky's *Night on the Bare Mountain*. Given that this was 1910, and that Stravinsky, Roslavets's junior by 17 months, finished *The Firebird* that year, one cannot be too impressed. And since Stravinsky himself was, as he later declared, impressed by Roslavets, we need to find out what he could have heard.

Roots in foreign ground



Nagano: leading the London Philharmonic

It was with Stravinsky that the concert ended, and with it the South Bank's Russian Spring season, the apt choice for a vernal festival occasion being *Perséphone*. This performance probably will not have rescued the work from its own Avernus of neglect: it is uncommonly even-toned for Stravinsky, and the joke of a cheeky, lopsided derailing of Gide's pseudo-classicism goes on too long.

Still, as Nagano showed, the score is full of wonderfully placed chords, while the tenor solos, beautifully intoned by Anthony Rolfe Johnson, are a step towards the assertive follies of the hero's part in *The Rake's Progress*. Anne Fournet ably spoke the goddess's pronouncements without pretentiousness or embarrassment.

PAUL GRIFFITHS

Peopled by eccentrics

THEATRE

The People's Show
Riverside Studios

THIS group is, to say the least, the theatrical equivalent of the coelacanth; a life-form belonging to a far distant era (late Sixties) which has somehow managed to keep going despite sweeping changes in the climate of art. The People's Show has performed in an upstairs room in Stockwell and in the Caracas opera house, and has directed traffic outside the Kennington Oval.

Show No 97, *Burning Horizon*, is a silent, surrealist pageant laced with gothic allusion *à la* David Lynch, and live music which recalls Pink Floyd. It may be 20 minutes too long, but it demonstrates continuing powers of visual invention and refreshingly unbridled eccentricity.

An extensive and intriguingly odd-looking set remains in darkness for the first ten minutes while a couple, sitting at a table, backs to the audience, play a rather charming duet for balalaika and bass sax. After they troop out, the set fulfils its promise by coming to life without human assistance. The table, strewn with rotting vegetables, starts to heave and wobble. A hook on a pulley swings menacingly across the stage like Poe's pendulum. A beached guitar on a dead branch comes into focus; a dress on a hanger whips out of a closet. On the soundtrack, distant crashes mingle with heartbeats, creaking doors and the rest of the BBC horror medley.



Continually inventive: members of The People's Show

But this is The People's Show, not the inanimate objects show. A gardener figure, dressed in green leaves, comes on with a wheelbarrow and a watering can, and fumigates the table which, hoisted on the pulley, has revealed a corpse in a black body bag. He is followed by a pregnant woman who seems alarmed by every noise (I wonder why), a myopic doctor in a white coat who crashes into things, a man with one golden arm and a hooded musician. The highlight of the show is a game of musical chairs for this collection of oddballs, in which the myopic doctor and the one-armed bandit, for obvious reasons, come off second best.

Later, in a process of renewal, the rotting vegetables are replaced by fresh ones, a woman in white emerges from the body-bag like a butterfly from a chrysalis and all join in a dance which turns violent (shades of *Archaos* here). All very odd, but likeable and, in patches, memorable.

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10.55 Snooker. David Vine introduces semi-final action in the Embassy World Professional Championship from the Crucible, Sheffield. Jimmy White plays Steve James, Steve Davis meets John Parrott
11.40 The National Gulf Service of Remembrance and Thanksgiving. Rev Dr William Morris leads a Thanksgiving service from Glasgow Cathedral in the presence of the Queen with a congregation composed of senior church members and members of the armed forces
1.10 News and weather
1.15 Grandstand introduced by Steve Rider. The line-up is (subject to alteration): 1.20 Horse Trials: the Whitbread championships from Badminton. The commentators are Raymond Brooks-Ward, Michael Tucker, Lucinda Green and Lorna Clark; 2.40 Snooker: semi-final action from the Embassy world championship. Commentating are Ted Lowe, Jack Karnehm and Clive Everton; 3.40 Rugby Union: live coverage from Twickenham of the second half of the the final of the Pilkington cup between Harlequins and Northampton. Nigel Starmer-Smith and Bill Beaumont describe the action; 4.40 Final Score
5.10 News and weather
5.20 Regional News and sport
5.25 Tom and Jerry Triple Bill. Cartoons (r)
5.45 The Flying Doctors. Australian drama series starring Liz Birch and Robert Grubb as medics of the flying doctor service
6.30 That's Showbusiness. Mike Smith hosts the fast-paced celebrity entertainment quiz with team captains Kenny Everett and Gloria Hunniford this week joined by *Birds of a Feather* actress Pauline Quirke, nature presenter Alan Titchmarsh, actress June Brown and *comedienne Su Pollard*. (Ceefax)
7.00 You've Gotta Be Joldin'. Anarchic sketches, impersonations, audience participation and stand-up comedy with newcomers Shane Richie, Annette Law, George Marshall, Maddi Cryer and Billy Pearce, cobbled together from previous BBC talent contests
7.30 Fast Friends. A lucky contestant has the chance to win a luxury holiday with a little help from his or her speedily made "friends" in *the fast and furious quiz hosted by the rotund comedian*, Les Dawson. (Ceefax)
8.00 The 1991 Eurovision Song Contest hosted by Gigliola Cinquetti and Toto Cutugno from the Cinecitta theatre, Rome. Twenty-two nations are competing, of which the most frequent winners are the United Kingdom and France. But the UK has not won since the triumph of Bucks Fizz in 1981 with "Making Your Mind Up" so patriotic fingers will be crossed for Samantha Janus and her entry, "A Message To Your Heart". Commentary by Terry Wogan for BBC1 and Ken Bruce for Radio 2



This year's Eurovision winner? Samantha Janus (8.00pm)

10.45 News with Michael Buerk. (Ceefax) Sport and weather
11.05 Film: The Money Movers (1978). Fast-moving Australian robbery heist caper starring Bryan Brown, Terence Donovan and Ed Devereaux. Following the hi-jacking of one of their payroll wagons and the murder of a guard, Darcy's Security Services are alarmed by a tip-off that a further robbery is planned. The target is their allegedly impenetrable vault holding $20 million in gold. With Tony Bonner, Lucky Grills and Alan Cassell. Directed by Bruce Beresford. Northern Ireland: Soccer Special — Bass Irish Cup Final 11.50 Film: El Condor (1970)
12.35am The Chicago Way: The Real Untouchables. Kevin Costner, Sean Connery, Brian De Palma and David Mamet discuss their roles in the recreation of 1920s gangland Chicago in a behind-the-scenes look at the making of *The Untouchables*. Narrated by David Castell 1.05 Weather

BBC 2

6.50 Open University: Learning and Doing Maths 7.15 Statistics — A Sample Story of Country Folk 7.40 Maths — the Poisson Process 8.05 The Melbury Road Set 8.30 The Selling of the New Deal 8.55 Land Use in Brazil 9.20 Physics — Painting Potentials 9.45 The Trouble with Science 10.10 UK Power 10.35 State and Society — *Broadcast Rituals* 11.00 *Policy-making in Education* 11.25 Creative Management — Strategy on the Screen 11.50 Teaching Mathematics 12.15pm Living Choices — Supporting Systems 12.40 Mental Handicap — No Problem's Too Big 1.05 Nuclear Weapons Systems 1.30 Modern Art — Picasso 1.55 Rome Under the Popes — Church and Empire 2.20 The History of Mathematics
2.45 Mahabharat. Episode 46 of the Indian epic in 91 parts. In Hindi with English subtitles
3.25 Film: The Oklahoman (1957). Domestic western starring Joel McCrea as a widowed doctor who becomes the subject of local gossip after taking on an Indian girl as his housekeeper. Much sweet-talking and romance with occasional action sequences provided by greedy ranchers trying to move in on the good *doctor's oil-rich territory. With* Barbara Hale, Brad Dexter and Gloria Talbot. Directed by Francis D. Lyon
4.40 Badminton Horse Trials. Eventers from all over the world compete for the Whitbread trophy at Badminton
5.40 Snooker: The Embassy World Professional Championship. The semi-finals
7.15 News with Moira Stuart. Weather
7.35 How Wars Begin: The First World War. A.J.P. Taylor continues his remarkable unedited series of lectures to the cameras with a talk on the first world war: by accident or on purpose? (r)
8.05 The Civil War: Most Hallowed Ground. The campaigns of Union General William Tecumseh Sherman are traced from Atlanta, northern Georgia to Fort Sumter and Charleston. The Union's *dislike of General Lee was so intense that they converted his* former estate into Arlington National Cemetery — a military cemetery — which was to become the Union's "most hallowed ground". The programme also looks at the 1864 presidential election. With the voices of Sam Waterston, Jason Roberds, Garrison Keillor, Julie Harris, Derek Jacobi and Jeremy Irons. (Ceefax)
9.00 The Comic Strip Presents: GLC. The *Comic Strip* team paint a Hollywood portrait of the life and times of a Britain struggling under the domination of "The Ice Maiden", aka Margaret Thatcher. Robbie Coltrane plays Charles Bronson as Ken Livingston taking on the tyrannical Tory establishment — with the help of CND heroine Joan Ruddock, played by Dawn French as Cher — in a life-and-death struggle to save the GLC (r)



On-camera therapy: one family and one shrink (9.35pm)

9.35 The Wolvis Family: A Course of Therapy in Six Sessions.
● CHOICE: What Nicholas Craig alias Nigel Planer did for acting, Roger Parsons and Tom Lubbock do for television psychiatry in *The Wolvis Family*, a six-part comedy-drama whose production values are as stripped down as you can get: one family, one shrink, a television studio, no canned laughter. The Wolvises — monstrous dad, hapless mum, two difficult teenage children (one mute, one Gothic) — submit to on-camera therapy and reveal themselves to be as screwed up as any Dennis Potter family. They even come with a Potter-like interloper, the dubious Spencer, subscriber to the monthly magazine *Atrocity*. Much of the comedy comes from the frantic body language of the participants and from emotional manipulations that teeter on the edge of embarrassment — as "family viewing" this comes with a high squirm factor. Nicholas Woodeson's media-family shrink gets the dodgiest gesture of all — making quote marks with his fingers; will he survive the series? (Ceefax)
10.05 Snooker: The Embassy World Professional Championship. Further coverage of the semi-final stages at the Crucible, Sheffield
11.30 Film: Take the Money and Run (1969). A film which marked Woody Allen's début as a director and laid the foundations for a successful career in filmmaking. The beginnings of Allen's well-loved and idiosyncratic style can be seen in this tale of the criminal career of Virgil Starkwell. On a purse-snatching foray in the park, Virgil meets Louise and falls in love and his life of crime takes on a *new meaning with a partner to support. Hilarious, with plenty of* one-shot, one-gag moments that characterise his early style. With Janet Margolin and Marcel Hillaire. Ends at 1.00am

ITV

6.00 TV-am
9.25 Ghost Train. Children's magazine programme with music, games and cartoons. The guests include the Farm and Dannii Minogue
11.40 Gulf Remembrance Service. Alistair Stewart and Sheena McDonald introduce a Thanksgiving service from Glasgow *Cathedral in the presence of the Queen. The service will be led by* Rev Dr William Morris with a congregation composed of senior church members and members of the armed forces
1.10 ITN News with Fiona Armstrong. Weather 1.15 LWT News and weather
1.20 Saint & Greavsie. More armchair football punditry from Ian St John and Jimmy Greaves, previewing the day's key games on the penultimate Saturday of the Barclays League
2.10 Grand Sportsmasters. The sporting quiz hosted by Dickie Davies. Followed by The Day 2.45 Cartoon Time
3.00 Film: Father Dear Father (1973). Feature-length version of the hit television comedy series starring Patrick Cargill as a recent divorcé who marries again in order to retain control over his *increasingly unruly teenage daughters. Also starring* Donald Sinden, Beryl Reid and Ursula Howells. Directed by *Fifteen-To-One* host William G. Stewart
4.45 Results Service presented by Elton Welsby
5.00 News with Fiona Armstrong. Weather 5.05 LWT News and weather
5.15 The Match. Live coverage of the first division game at Roker Park between Sunderland and table-topping Arsenal, introduced by Elton Welsby and Ian St John. The commentators are Brian Moore with Jimmy Greaves
7.20 Bob's Your Uncle. Veteran comic Bob Monkhouse hosts the slapstick game show featuring newly-wed couples
8.05 Perfect Scoundrels: Grandmother's Footsteps. Peter Bowles and Bryan Murray star as the lovably roguish con-men Guy Buchanan and Harry Cassidy. Would Buchanan rob his own grandmother? About to move into a nursing home, she announces the auction of her belongings with the proceeds to go to the local cats' home. Desperate to rescue a priceless toy car, Guy and Harry devise a scam to whisk it from under her nose. (Oracle)
9.05 News with Fiona Armstrong. Sport and weather 9.20 LWT Weather



A made-to-measure private eye: Burt Reynolds (9.25pm)

9.25 Film: B.L. Stryker — Carolann (1989).
● CHOICE: Not so many years ago, Burt Reynolds shared the cover of *Time* magazine with Clint Eastwood as the top box office draws, since when his career has gone down the tubes. Now he is back where he started — on television. *B.L. Stryker* is an old-fashioned star vehicle — the sort of private eye series that could have been made at any time in the last 30 years, with none of the ambitions of recent programmes like *Hill Street Blues* or even *Miami Vice*. Its parts are strictly assembly kit — Florida locations, complete with an obvious second unit montage; routine plots; routine relationships; routine beatings; all given mild curiosity value by the sight of Reynolds trying to salvage *his career with as* much good grace as he can muster. A daft plot throws him together with an old childhood friend, now the widow of an assassinated Middle Eastern monarch; a surprise therefore to see Joe Gores, a respected thriller writer, credited as story editor. (Oracle)
11.15 Film: Green Ice (1981). Ryan O'Neal, Omar Sharif and Anne Archer *star in a British romantic thriller about a couple determined* to strip a corrupt South American government of its ill-gotten reserves of emeralds, colloquially known as green ice. O'Neal plays an electronics wizard determined to outwit the elegant and ruthless Sharif. Directed by Ernest Day
1.20am Up the Junction. American comic Will Durst hosts the show at the Junction Club in Cambridge, featuring music from Mica Paris, Beats International and comedy from David Baddiel
2.05 Night Heat. After a young fighter is killed in the ring, Detective Giambone (Jeff Wincott) goes undercover as a boxer in an attempt to unveil a network of drug dealers
3.00 American College Football. Iowa v Ohio State
4.00 The Hit Man and Her. Pete Waterman and Michaela Strachan *introduce dance music and contests from clubs around the* country
5.30 ITN Morning News with Phil Roman. Ends at 6.00

CHANNEL 4

6.00 Comic Book 7.30 The People's Game. Series looking at the history of football (r) 8.00 Trans World Sport. International sports reports with news and highlights
9.00 News summary followed by Channel 4 Racing: The Morning Line
9.25 Sing and Swing with jazz stars of the Thirties and Forties (r)
9.30 Listening Eye: Worlds Apart. Repeat of Tuesday's programme examining the difficult question of how relationships between deaf children and their hearing parents can be improved
10.00 Images: Domestic Memories. This history of photography series continues with a look at the growth of cameras for personal use (r). (Teletext)
10.30 Wagon Train (b/w). Classic Fifties western series
11.30 World League of American Football. Highlights of the London Monarchs' victory over Raleigh-Durham
12.30 The Munsters (b/w) (r)
1.00 Film: Lazybones (1934, b/w). An early film by director Michael Powell, this is a romantic comedy about a down-on-his-luck aristocrat (Ian Hunter) hoping to revive his flagging fortunes by *marrying a wealthy American socialite* (Claire Luce).
2.15 Channel 4 Racing From Newmarket. Live coverage of the 2.30, 3.00, 3.40 (General Accident 2000 Guineas Stakes), 4.15 and 4.45 races
5.05 Brookside Omnibus (r). (Teletext)
6.30 News Summary and weather followed by Right to Reply. Will the new ITC regulations on religion open the way for American-style evangelist television? (Teletext)
7.00 Sound Stuff: Beyond the Forest.
● CHOICE: With the dismantling of the Austro-Hungarian empire in 1918, Transylvania was given to Romania in a move to bolster Europe's threatened monarchies. The transfer stranded some two million Hungarians, who later suffered under the Communists, and *especially under Ceaucescu, whose persecution included* Hungarian musicians and their proud tradition of local dance and folk music which became a symbol of resistance. This music in exile also became a focus for a re-emerging Hungarian nationalism, and members of the Dance House movement made clandestine trips to collect samples of this plaintive and endangered form. Now change threatens as persecution once did. *It is no accident, we are told, that this haunting music — with its* themes of death, grief, exile and poverty — flourished in oppression. Esther Roney's film shows Transylvania still to be, in spite of its appalling history, the enchanted landscape that Patrick Leigh Fermor discovered more than 50 years ago and wrote about in *Between the Woods and the Water*



A mountainous conflict: the three-man expedition (8.00pm)

8.00 Adventures: The Logan Run.
● CHOICE: In 1925 a team of men in canvas jackets, hob-nailed boots, sweaters and woollen socks climbed Mount Logan in Alaska and achieved what one of the team aiming to emulate them *in a 1990 expedition called, "the greatest tour de force in the* history of mountaineering". The 1925 expedition is seen in grainy, black and white footage. *The men carried their own supplies and* battled on in dire conditions, whereas the 1990 expedition had their food flown in, took a team of huskies to carry their stuff, and fared rather worse. The camera concentrates mostly on recording the impressive landscape, not much on the three-man team. Gradually, the reason becomes apparent. This is not a happy climb. In fact, the three are barely talking to each other. But, *instead of intervening and filming the conflict, the film makers* withdraw and record the deteriorating relations from a discreet distance. (Teletext)
9.00 thirtysomething: The Haunting of DAA. Well-written American sitcom tracing the lives of seven friends in their mid-thirties. (Teletext)
10.00 David Lean: A Life in Film. A repeat of this lengthy 1985 edition of *The South Bank Show*, here being shown as a tribute to the British film-maker Sir David Lean, director of such epics as *Doctor Zhivago* and *Lawrence of Arabia*, who died recently. The documentary was based on the production of his 1984 film, *A Passage to India*, and includes extensive material of the complex on-the-set business of making such a large feature on location
12.45am Australian Rules Football. *The first of a new series of* highlights from the national competition, presented by Stephen Quartermain. Ends at 1.40

SATELLITE

SKY ONE

● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites. 6.00am Elephant Boy 6.30 The Flying Kiwi 7.00 Fun Factory 11.00 The Bionic Woman 12.00 Beyond 2000 1.00pm Combat 2.00 *WWF Wrestling Challenge 3.00 Monkey* 4.00 Big Hawaii 5.00 Wrestling Saturday Night Main Event 6.30 The Addams Family 7.00 TJ Hooker 8.00 Unsolved Mysteries 9.00 Cops 9.30 Superstars of Wrestling 10.30 Freddy's Nightmares 11.30 The Last Laugh 12.00 The Great British Musical Event 1.00am Pages from Skytext

SKY NEWS

● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites. News on the hour.
5.00am Sunrise 5.30 Health Circuit 9.30 Newsline Weekend 10.30 Health Circuit 11.30 Newsline Weekend 1.30pm Holiday Destinations 2.30 Fashion TV 3.30 Those Were The Days 4.30 Health Circuit 5.00 Live at Five 6.30 Newsline Weekend 7.30 *Fashion TV 8.30 Holiday Destinations 10.30* Newsline Weekend 11.30 Fashion TV 12.30am Holiday Destinations 1.30 Newsline Weekend 2.30 Health Circuit 3.30 Our World 4.30 Those Were the Days

● Via the Marcopolo satellite only. News on the hour.
4.30 *Documentary: Anna Mahler* 5.30 Nicolas Economou Plays Beethoven 7.30 Opera: Adriana Lecouvreur

SKY MOVIES+

● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites.
6.00am Showcase
7.40 Entertainment Tonight
8.00 Our Family Honour (1986). A police-woman investigates corruption in the New York police department
10.00 Ghost Chaso (1988). A teenage film-maker and the ghost of his grandfather's butler take on a corrupt Hollywood mogul
12.00 Cool Change (1973): A girl is faced with eviction from her land
2.00pm Zits (1987): Five teenagers hatch a plot to raise money for their teacher's eye *operation. Starring Danielle Du Clos*
4.00 What Price Victory? (1988): College-level American football drama
6.00 Caddyshack II (1988): Comedy set in a country golling club. Starring Chevy Chase
7.40 Entertainment Tonight
8.00 Tequila Sunrise (1988): Starring Mel Gibson, Kurt Russell and Michelle Pfeiffer
10.00 Two Moon Junction (1988): Erotic drama in which a young woman (*Twin Peaks's* Sherilyn Fenn) is drawn to a mysterious carnival worker (Richard Tyson)
11.50 Bawdy Tales (1973): Four saucy medieval tales from Italy
1.30am Fear City (1984): A New York cop tracks down a sadistic killer of strippers
3.05 A Nightmare on Elm Street Part 2: Freddy's Revenge (1986): The razor-fingered killer possesses the body of a teenage boy in an attempt to escape from the dreamscape. Starring Robert England
4.30 Big Shots (1987): A white boy teams up with a streetwise coloured orphan for a series of adventures. Ends at 5.55

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites.
6.15am The Gallant Hours (1960): Biopic about Admiral Halsey (James Cagney)
8.15 Guess Who's Coming to Dinner? (1967): Sidney Poitier is the coloured fiancé who is invited home to meet Spencer Tracy and Katherine Hepburn
10.15 Pick Up on South Street (1953): A pickpocket unwittingly steals a roll of top-secret microfilm. Starring Richard Widmark
12.15pm Lassie Come Home (1943): The faithful hound returns to its poverty-stricken family. Starring Roddy McDowall
2.15 Oklahoma! (1955): Classic Rogers and Hammerstein musical. Starring Gordon MacRae and Shirley Jones
4.45 I Never Sang for My Father (1968): Gene Hackman is forced to look after his elderly father (Melvyn Douglas)
6.15 The Bad News Bears in Breaking Training (1977): The little league baseball team has to find a new coach
8.15 A Chorus of Disapproval (1989): A shy widower (*Jeremy Irons*) moves to Scarborough and joins an amateur dramatics group
10.00 Spotlight
10.15 The Principal (1987): Comedy ensues when a schoolteacher (James Belushi) takes over an anarchic inner-city high school
12.05am Iron Eagle (1986): A young pilot steals an F-16 fighter to rescue his father held captive in the Middle East
2.00 Paris by Night (1988): A politician (Charlotte Rampling) has an affair and, fearing blackmail, murders her lover
3.45 Big Trouble (1985): An insurance salesman (Alan Arkin) gets involved in a *money-raising scam. Ends at 5.15*

SKY SPORTS

● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites.
9.00am Australian Rugby League 11.00 Live Benson and Hedges One-Day Cricket 7.00pm Red Line 8.00 European Championship Football 9.00 Ringside 11.00 Scottish Football Magazine 12.00 Benson and Hedges One-Day Cricket 1.00am Ringside

EUROSPORT

● Via the Astra satellite.
8.00am Children's Programming 7.00 Fun Factory 8.00 Motoll 1 Motorsport 9.30 Big Wheels 10.00 Gridiron 10.30 Football: The Winning Formula 11.00 Saturday Alive: Madrid Open Tennis; Ice Hockey World Championships; BCC Round the World Yacht Race; Motor Sport; Ice Hockey; Madrid Open Tennis 8.00pm Ringside 11.00 The World League of American Football 2.00am Australian Rules Football

SCREENSPORT

● Via the Astra satellite.
12.30pm Pro Box 2.30 US PGA K Mart Greater Greensboro 4.30 World Snooker Classics 6.30 Golf 7.00 Gymnastics 8.00 La Vuelta Cycling Tour of Spain 8.30 Citroin Sid Europe 9.30 Snowboarding 10.00 German Touring Cars and Rally 11.00 Pro Superbikes 12.00 Stop-Mud and Monsters 1.00pm Argentine Football 2.00 La Vuelta Cycling Tour of Spain 3.30 Volvo PGA European Golf Tour 5.30 British Formula 3 Championship 6.00 NBA Basketball 1990/1991 8.30 American Football Bundesliga 9.30 La Vuelta Cycling Tour of Spain 10.00 Triple Crown Horse Racing 1991 11.00 Volvo PGA European Golf Tour 12.00 US Pro Boxing 1.00am Argentina Football 2.00 Powersports 3.00 NBA Basketball 5.00 German Touring Cars and Rally

LIFESTYLE

● Via the Astra satellite.
12.00 Johnny Ringo 12.30pm The Bill Dana Show 1.00 The Joan Rivers Show 1.55 The Detectives 2.50 Spain Spain Holiday 3.05 World Class Championship Wrestling 4.00 The Sell-a-Vision Shopping Programme 8.00 Close 10.00 Satellite Jukebox

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TV REGIONS

ANGLIA

As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Farming Diary 2.00 Members Only 2.25 The River Thames 2.55 Film: Breakfast at Tiffany's 5.05 Hard Time on Planet Earth 6.00-6.30 The Village Show 12.05 The New Avengers 1.05 Soap 1.35 CinemAttractions 2.05 Film: Samurai 3.30 Vivid 4.00 American's Top Ten 4.35-5.30 The Stk Road II

BORDER

As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Gardening Time 2.30 Film: What a Way to Go! 4.30 Kette and Dog 5.00 Scotsport 6.00-6.30 The Munro Show 12.05 Prisoner: Cell Block H 1.00 *Quiz Night* 1.30 Kojak 2.30 The Funny Farm 2.55 Film: *The World is Full of* Married Men 4.35-5.30 The ITV Chart Show

CENTRAL

As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Gardening Time 2.05 The Life and Times of Grizzly Adams 3.00 Film: Drum Beat 5.05 Hard Time On Planet Earth 6.00-6.30 The *Munsters Today* 12.05 *Prisoner: Cell Block H* 1.00 Santa Barbara 1.50 Film: Operation Bullshine 3.30 The ITV Chart Show 4.25-5.30 Central Jobfinder '91

GRANADA

As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Granada This Week 2.00 Santa Barbara 2.55 Film: The Pied Piper 4.35 A Tribute to David Lean 5.35-6.30 Coronation Street 10.35 The Shape of the World 11.35 Singles 12.05 Prisoner: Cell Block H 1.00 Quiz Night 1.30 Kojak 2.30 The Funny Farm 2.55 Film: The World is Full of Married Men 4.35-5.30 The ITV Chart Show

HTV WEST

As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 West Country Farming 2.30 HTV Newsweek 2.55 Film: 36 Hours 5.05 Highway to Heaven 6.00-6.30 Who's the Boss?

HTV WALES

As HTV West except: 12.30pm-1.00 Survival — the First 30 Years 2.30-2.55 The Cat in the Hat

TSW

As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 TSW Farming Week 2.00 Hard Time on Planet Earth 2.55 Film: Housebost 5.05 The Munsters Today 5.35-6.30 Coronation Street 12.05 In the Heat of the Night 1.00 Quiz Night 1.30 Kojak 2.30 The Funny Farm 2.55 Film: The World is Full of Married Men 4.35-5.30 The ITV Chart Show

TVS

As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 TVS News followed by Agenda 2.00 Wonderful World of Disney 2.55 Film: Panic in Bangkok for Agent O.S.S. 117 5.05 Magnum 6.00-6.30 The River Thames 12.05 The Human Factor 12.35 Police Precinct 1.35 The ITV Chart Show 2.35 Liechtenstein: A Princely Heritage 3.30 Pick of the Week 4.00 The Hit Man and Her 5.00-5.30 A Taste of the South

TYNE TEES

As London except: 12.25pm-1.00 Breakthroughs 2.00 The Back Page 2.20 Film: As Long as They're Happy 4.05 His Majesty's Most Loyal Enemy Aliens 5.05 Bullseye 5.35-6.30 Coronation Street 12.05 Prisoner: Cell Block H 1.00 Quiz Night 1.30 Kojak 2.30 The Funny Farm 3.00 Film: The World is Full of Married Men 4.40-5.30 Chart Show

ULSTER

As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Gardening Time 2.00 Murder She Wrote 2.55 Film: *The Pied Piper 4.35 A Tribute to David Lean* 5.35-6.30 Coronation Street 10.35 GAA Football: Dublin v Kildare 11.35 Singles 12.05 The Shape of the World 1.00 Quiz Night 1.30 Kojak 2.30 The Funny Farm 2.55 Film: The World is Full of Married Men 4.35-5.30 The ITV Chart Show

YORKSHIRE

As London except: 12.25pm Goals on Sunday 12.50-1.00 Calendar News 2.00 The Life and Times of Grizzly Adams 2.55 Film: Sheena, Queen of the Jungle 5.05 Brand New Life 6.00-6.30 Coming of Age 12.05 Hooperman 12.35 Pick of the Week 1.05 Twilight Zone 1.30 Chart Show 2.30 Books By My Bedside 3.00 Family Theatre 3.55 On the Live Side 4.25-5.30 Jobs

S4C

Starts: 6.00am Trans World Sport 7.00 Eureeka's Castle 7.30 Foofur 8.00 Sharkey and George 8.30 Betty's Bunch 9.00 California Raisin Show 9.25 The Adventures of TinTin 9.30 Beat That 10.00 A Week in Politics 10.45 Voyage to the Bottom of the Sea* 11.45 Gazza's Soccer School 12.00 The Watsons 12.55 Acen 1.20 O Bedwar Ban 1.30 Bwrw Mlaen 2.00 Film: Great Expectations* 4.15 Film: Adam Had Four Sons* 5.45 Crystal Maze 6.45 San Steffan 7.05 Newyddion 7.10 Hoil Hwen A Hoil Lleil 8.00 Hel Straeon 8.30 Dechrau Canu, Dechrau Canmol 9.00 Dilnlod Dyfed 9.45 Filmiau 10.05 Snwoer 10.50 Banned: *The Last Word 11.50 Hard News* 12.20 Mr Hoover and I 1.55 Diwedd

RTE 1

Starts: 10.10am Australia's Improbable Animals 11.00 Mass 12.00 Looking After Yelmini 12.50 Marketplace 1.20 Little House on the Prairie 2.10 News followed by Growing Freedom 2.45 Film: The Clue of the Missing Ape 3.45 Romeo and Juliet 6.00 The Angelus 6.01 Six-One Sunday 6.40 The Adventures of the Black Stallion 7.10 The Cosby Show 7.35 Shades of Red 8.05 Murder She Wrote 9.00 News 9.25 Bringing It All Back Home 10.25 Hanly's People 10.55 Today Tonight Special 11.25-11.30 News

RADIO 1

FM Stereo and MW. 4.00am Jenny Costello 7.00 Bruno and Liz 10.00 Dave Lee Travis 1.00pm Adrian Juste 2.00 The Paul Simon Songbook: Two Teenagers (1 of 7) 3.00 The Saturday Sequence 6.30 If Snowflakes Were Kisses . . . I'd Send You a Blizzard: The Gulf war through the eyes of young people in the forces 7.00 The Saturday Rock Show 10.00 In Concert: Chris Isaak 11.00 John Peel (FM only after 12.00) 2.00-4.00am Nesle James (FM only)

RADIO 2

FM Stereo. 4.00am Steve Madden 6.00 Graham Knight 7.45-8.00 Take 2! (r) 8.05 Ronnie Hilton with Sounds of the Fifties 9.00 Brian Matthew with Sounds of the Sixties 10.00 Anne Robinson 12.00 Gerald Harper 1.30pm Someone and the Grumbleweeds (r) 2.00 Jeremy Nicholas 3.00 Country Greats in Concert: The Gatlin Brothers 4.00 The John Dunn Interview: Barry Took (r) 4.30 Chris Stuart and Friends 5.00 Cinema 2 5.30 The Law Game: A jury gives its verdict on puzzling points of law (1 of 6) (r) 6.00 Things Are Swinging 7.00 Pop Score: Nostalgia quiz 7.30 Easy Does It 8.00 Eurovision Song Contest (with BBC1) 11.00 Music to Midnight: Music which accompanied big screen romances 12.05am It's a Funny Business: The late comedian Tom Mennard recalls his career (r) 12.30 Colin Berry with Night Ride 3.00-4.00 A Little Night Music

RADIO 5

6.00am World Service 6.30 Morning Edition, incl 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 News; Sport 9.00 Sport 9.02 On Your Marks, incl 10.00, 11.00 News; Sport 12.00 News; Sport 12.04pm Sport on 4 Plus 1 (broadcast on Radio 4 at 9.05am) 12.30 Sportscall: Phone-in quiz. Tel: 0345 908 683 1.30 Sport on 5 with Jon Inverdale. Football: Barclays League; Rugby Union: The final of the Pilkington Cup from Twickenham; the final of the Schweppes Cup from Cardiff; Racing from Newmarket: (3.40) General Accident 2,000 Guineas; plus, cricket scores, golf, snooker, tennis and news from the Whitbread Championships at Badminton 6.00 Sports Report 6.00 As Radio 4 7.10 Cricket Scoreboard 7.15 Talking Poetry (r) 7.45-11.00 As Radio 4, except at 10.00-10.15 Sports Bulletin 11.00 Sports Bulletin 11.15 Fanshawe on Five (r) 12.00-12.15am News; Sport

WORLD SERVICE

All times in BST. 5.30am The World Today 5.45 News Headlines in English and French 5.47 British Press Review 5.52 World Business Report 5.57 Travel and Weather News 6.00 Newsdesk 6.30 Londres Matin 6.59 Weather 7.00 Newsdesk 7.30 Meridian 8.00 News 8.09 24 Hours 8.30 From the Weeklies 8.45 The Havana International Guitar Festival 9.00 News 9.09 Words of Faith 9.15 A Jolly Good Show 10.00 News 10.05 Waveguide 10.15 Worldbrief 10.30 Personal View 10.45 Sports Roundup 11.15 Club 648 11.30 Londres Midi 11.45 Mittagsmagazin 12.00 Newsdesk 12.30pm Meridian 1.00 News 1.09 News About Britain 1.15 Multitrack 3 1.45 Sports Roundup 2.00 Newshour 3.01 Sportsworld 4.00 News 4.15 BBC English 4.30 News and Features in German 4.59 Travel *News 5.00 News 5.15 BBC English 5.30 Londres Soir 6.14 Letter from America 6.15 BBC* English 6.30 Heute Aktuell 7.00 German Features 7.54 News in German 8.00 News 8.05 Write On.. 8.15 Londres Demière 8.30 Club 648 8.45 From the Weeklies 9.00 News 9.09 Personal View 9.25 Words of Faith 9.30 Meridian 10.00 Newshours 11.00 News 11.05 Seeing Stars 11.20 Jazz for the Asking 11.50 Sports Roundup 12.00 News 12.05am Words of Faith 12.10 Book Choice 12.15 A Jolly Good Show 1.00 Newsdesk 1.30 The Ken Bruce Show 2.01 Play of the Week: Billy Liar 3.00 Newsdesk 3.30 The New Wind of Change in Africa 4.00 News 4.09 News About Britain 4.15 From Our Own Correspondent 4.35 Write On... 4.45 News and *Features in German*

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9.00 News
9.05 Sport on 4, with Cliff Morgan
9.30 Breakaway: *Travel and holiday* news. Includes reports on "green" tourism from the Antarctic and Belize
10.00 News; Loose Ends: Ned Sherrin hosts an hour of live interjections (s)
11.00 News; The Week in Westminster, with Andrew Marr, political editor of the *Economist*
11.30 From Our Own Correspondent: Reflections of life and politics abroad
12.00-1.00pm Gulf Service (FM only): The National Gulf *Service of Remembrance and* Thanksgiving from Glasgow Cathedral in the presence of the Queen
12.00 Money Box (LW only), with Louise Botting and Vincent Duggleby
12.25pm The News Quiz (LW only): *Barry Took quizzes Richard* Ingrams, Alan Coren and guests on the week's news. Last in the series 12.55 Weather
1.00 News
1.10 Any Questions? Jonathan Dimbleby is joined in Lydney, Gloucestershire, by Jack Straw, MP; Charles Kennedy, MP; David Mellor, MP; and Brenda Maddox (r) 1.55 Shipping Forecast
2.00 News; Any Answers? 071-580 4411. Listeners can ring *Jonathan Dimbleby with their* views on the issues raised in *Any Questions?*
2.30 The Norman Conquests: Table Manners. The first of a three-part adaptation by Neville Teller of Alan Ayckbourn's trilogy of plays about the exploits of a benevolent librarian, who strives to bring excitement and joy to the lives of his women friends. With Robin Herford (s) (r)
4.00 News; The Living World: Peter France discovers that not all domestic animals are tame or pleasant companions
4.30 Science Now, with Peter Evans
5.00 Work Talk: Publisher Margaret Busby talks to Ferdinand Dennis (3 of 5) (s) (r)
5.25 Week Ending: A satirical review of the week's news (s) (r) 5.50 Shipping Forecast 5.55 Weather
6.00 News; Sports Round-Up
6.25 Citizens: Omnibus edition
7.10 Stop the Week, with Robert Robinson (s)
7.45 Classic Serial: The Mill on the Floss, by George Eliot (4 of 5) (s)
8.45 Kaleidoscope: Pipe Dreams. Lucy Duran travels the country and listens to a wide range of pipe music (s)
9.15 Music in Mind (s)
9.50 Ten to Ten, led by Canon Geoffrey Brown (s) 9.59 Weather
10.00 News
10.15 The Groucho Letters
● CHOICE: Whatever other perks working in the Library of Congress in Washington may bring, there is one that should ensure that no one will ever want to apply for a transfer *elsewhere — staff have on-the-*spot access to a vast store of nitpicking reading — communications to, and from, Groucho Marx. Making this selection from them can't have been easy for Tony Staveacre. Casting around for a parallel experience, the one that springs to mind is writing a 100-word précis of the *Mahabharat*, although it wouldn't be half as much fun as filleting the Groucho letters (s)
10.45 *For He Is an Englishman*: Charles Arnold-Baker, born a Prussian aristocrat, reflects on English society (3 of 6) (r)
11.00 Richard Baker Compares Notes with Roy Goodman and Peter Holman of the Parley of *Instruments (s) (r)*
11.30 The Miles and Millner Show: Tom Miles and Rob Millner reveal a new musical talent when they visit the Albert Hall, Wembley Stadium and the local church (s)
12.00-12.30am News, incl 12.20 Weather 12.33 Shipping Forecast

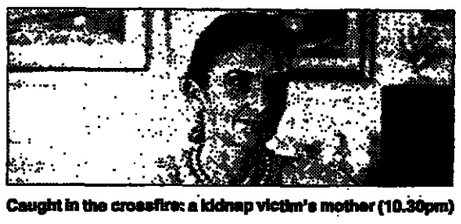
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BBC 1

7.10 Open University 8.55 Playdays (r)
9.15 Articles of Faith. The Rev Dr Kenneth Stevenson explains what is known about the first part of the Eucharist service in the early church (r) 9.30 This Is the Day. A simple religious service from the home of a blind person
10.00 When in France. French language series (r). Wales (to 12.30): See You Sunday and Sport 10.25 Discovering Portuguese (r) 10.50 Step Up to Wordpower. Literacy help for adults (r). (Ceefax) 11.15 A Way With Numbers. Maths help for adults
11.40 Bazaar. Handy domestic hints series (r) 12.05 Sign Extra: Electric Avenue. A look at the role computers play in American presidential campaigns. With subtitles and sign language
12.30 Country File. John Craven reveals the extent of persecution of birds of prey in Britain Wales: Farming in Wales 12.55 Weather
1.00 News followed by On the Record. An analysis of the local council election results, including an interview with Paddy Ashdown. Plus a report on the chances of Labour winning Monmouth from the Tories 2.00 EastEnders (r). (Ceefax)
3.00 Dallas. The first of a new series of the Texas-based soap starring Patrick Duffy and Sherae Wilson as Bobby and April, who arrive in Paris for their honeymoon. Meanwhile, JR is still languishing in a mental home. (Ceefax)
3.45 Film: Spencer's Mountain (1963). Moving drama starring Henry Fonda as Clay Spencer, a quarry worker and father of nine, who, though barely literate himself, encourages his eldest son Clayboy (James MacArthur) in his academic endeavours, but is less prepared for the cost when Clayboy aspires to a university education. Also starring Maureen O'Hara. Directed by Delmer Daves. Wales: Kali the Lion 4.45 All Aboard 5.35 Cartoons
5.55 Masterchef. Loyd Grossman presents the amateur cooking competition. (Ceefax)
6.25 News with Moira Stuart. (Ceefax) Weather
6.40 Songs of Praise from St Mary's Church, Bideford, north Devon. (Ceefax)
7.15 Butterflies. Carla Lane's bittersweet comedy from the Seventies starring Wendy Craig as Ria, a bored housewife (r). (Ceefax)
7.45 All Creatures Great and Small. Christopher Timothy, Robert Hardy and Peter Davison return in the classic veterinary series set in the Yorkshire Dales (r). (Ceefax)
8.35 Tonight at 8.30: Family Album. Fourth in the series of dated Noël Coward playlets starring Joan Collins and Denis Quilley as Lavinia and Jasper Featherways. There is an ill-disguised air of glee when the head of a starchy family passes away and the will is read. The truth of his demise offers rather less to celebrate, however. With John Alderton, Jessica Martin and Bonnie Langford. (Ceefax)
9.05 News with Michael Buerk. (Ceefax) Weather
9.20 That's Life! With Esther Rantzen
10.00 Mastermind presented by Magnus Magnusson from the McEwan Hall at Edinburgh university. The specialist subjects are Dartmoor and its environs, Shakespeare's history plays, the life and works of Johann Sebastian Bach and the city of Paris



Caught in the crossfire: a kidnap victim's mother (10.30pm)

10.30 Everyman: God and the Mob.
● CHOICE: Sicily is the traditional home of the Mafia, but in Calabria there have been 82 Mafia killings in the first three months of this year and its remote forests are notorious bandit country to which kidnap victims are brought from all over Italy. *God and the Mob* examines the relationship between the church and the Mafia, implying that, in Calabria at least, one is the shadow of the other. *The two organisations are the only effective powers in the region* and have traditionally rubbed along together, united by their shared values — a love of tradition, emphasis on the importance of the family, and a hatred of communism. Marked money from kidnaps has even found its way into church bank accounts. Until recently the traditional wall of silence has been virtually impenetrable, though now some priests and officials, at the risk of their own safety, are starting to speak out. One magistrate's diagnosis shows how deep the problem runs: "The state should intervene, starting at nursery school." Northern Ireland: Bringing it all Back Home Preview
11.10 Walk the Talk. Continuing the series on successful management. Northern Ireland: 11.05 Everyman
11.35 Mahabharat. Episode 46 (r). Wales: Welsh international rally 12.00 Mahabarat; Northern Ireland: 11.45 Walk the Talk 12.10-12.50 Mahabarat 12.15am Weather. Wales 12.40 News and weather

BBC 2

6.35 Open University: Rome Under the Popes — Church and Empire 7.00 Air Pollution — Concentrate and Contain 7.25 Dinner at Baron d'Holbach's 7.50 Marking Time 8.15 Velocity Diagrams 8.40 Venice and Antwerp — The Cities Compared 9.05 Social Science — From Public to Private 9.55 Constable — The Leaping Horse 10.20 Insect Hormones — The Control of Moulting 10.45 Learning and Doing Maths 11.10 The Steam Locomotive 11.35 Elements Discovered
12.00 Regional Parliamentary programmes. Wales: Sign Extra Northern Ireland: The European Challenge
12.30 Scrutiny. Iain McWhirter looks at the efficiency of parliamentary committees. (Ceefax)
1.00 Open University: Curriculum and Learning — Way with Words
1.25 *One in Four.* Another showing of last Thursday's programme examining the background to the systematic murder of thousands of disabled people in Germany by the Nazis
1.55 Sunday Grandstand introduced by Bob Wilson. The line-up is (subject to alteration): 2.00 and 4.00 Snooker: the opening session of the final of the Embassy world professional championship; 3.00 Motorcycling: the first round of the ACU Shell supercup British championship from Snetterton; 3.30 Horse Trials: the Whitbread championships from Badminton
5.00 Rugby Special. Highlights of yesterday's game at Twickenham — the Pilkington cup final between Harlequins and Northampton. Introduced by Chris Rea with commentary by Nigel Starmer-Smith. Wales: Rugby Special Wales
6.00 Snooker: The Embassy World Professional Snooker Championship. The Final. David Vine brings further coverage of the first session from the Crucible Theatre, Sheffield
6.35 The Money Programme. Has the German government undermined its own economic success by subsidising East Germany? Plus, in the light of the crisis at Tottenham Hotspur, does the City still have a role to play in backing football clubs?
7.15 Great Journeys: The Salt Road. Author William Shawcross sets out along the ancient Sahara Salt Road in Morocco in search of the Tuareg. Once the powerful and feared controllers of the salt routes, the Tuareg are now an ethnic minority settled in the Southern Hoggar mountains. Shawcross catches up with one of the few remaining groups of salt traders in the Tenere Desert. The traders, able to navigate their way across 40 miles of desert in a day, are carrying salt to Nigeria, where severe drought and a subsequent fall in demand means a hard bargain must be struck (r). (Ceefax)



In search of the Tuareg: author William Shawcross (7.15pm)

8.15 Snooker: The Embassy World Professional Snooker Championship. David Vine brings further coverage of the final
9.05 Tinker, Tailor, Soldier, Spy.
● CHOICE: When it was first shown, *Tinker Tailor* had the reputation of being hard to follow: post-mortem discussions were held after every episode to try to decide what exactly what had happened. Perhaps since then we have become used to the overloaded plot in television drama — certainly more happens in 15 minutes of *Dallas* than 50 of this. At any rate, last week's opening *seemed measured and as familiar as an old slipper. Traitor* in the department; careful listing of the suspects; betrayal of an agent in Czechoslovakia; long discussions about what had gone wrong. That it all holds up as well as it does depends largely on a BBC First XI of actors, Bannen, Rigby, Richardson, Aldridge, not a duffer in the side. Alec Guinness opens with slow spins — deceptive looking lobs that nevertheless leave actors as experienced as Nigel Stock looking rattled. Of all the Le Carré adaptations, this is the most respectful of the author's intentions (r). (Ceefax)
9.55 Snooker: The 1991 Embassy World Championship. Last visit of the day to the Crucible, Sheffield, where the finalists battle out the second nine-frame session
12.00 Rapido. A tribute to Bob Marley, featuring interviews with his family and friends, Sly and Robbie, Aswad and the Reggae Philharmonic Orchestra (r). Ends at 12.35am

ITV

6.00 TV-am. Includes, at 8.00 Frost on Sunday. David Frost's guests include Benazir Bhutto and MPs Sir Norman Fowler and John Smith, the shadow chancellor. Reviewing the newspapers are Jeffrey Archer and Eve Pollard
9.25 The Disney Family Movie: 14 Going On 30 (1988). Second part of the Disney comedy starring Patrick Duffy and Loretta Swit. Through a "growth acceleration" invention, 14-year-old Danny turns into an adult and masquerades as his school's new headmaster. Directed by Paul Schneider
10.15 The Littlest Hobo. Part two of the adventure with Hobo who teaches a peregrine falcon hunter about freedom
10.45 Link. A look at the case of "Valerie", imprisoned after being declared at trial mentally unfit to plead
11.00 Morning Worship from the Chapel at Rose Castle, Cumbria
12.00 Visions. Nick Stuart and athlete Tessa Sanderson discuss the role of religion in politics and current affairs
12.30 LWT News Weekend
1.00 News with Sue Carpenter. Weather
1.10 Special Inquiry: The Future of the Middle East. Donald MacCormick chairs a discussion on the prospects of peace in the Middle East. Among those taking part are Richard Murphy, former US assistant secretary of state, Gennadi Gerasimov, former Soviet foreign ministry spokesman, leading Palestinian Faisal Hussemi and, on film, Dan Meridor, Israel's minister of justice
2.30 World Sport Special. Sports action from around the globe
3.00 Film: Carry On Again Doctor (1969). The *Carry On* team cause chaos in a hospital in another of the series directed by Gerald Thomas
4.40 Film: Beyond the Bermuda Triangle (1975). A made-for-television drama about a retired businessman investigating the mysterious disappearance of ships and planes off the coast of Florida. Starring Fred MacMurray and directed by William A. Graham
6.00 Bullseye. Darts and general knowledge game
6.30 News with Sue Carpenter. Weather 6.35 LWT News and weather



Heart and soul: gospel singer Tramaine Hawkins (6.40pm)

6.40 People Get Ready. First of a three-part series of the gospel show presented by John Francis and Juliet Coley and featuring gospel star Tramaine Hawkins and the Angelical Voice Choir
7.15 Watching. Tepid sitcom starring Paul Bown and Emma Wray as star-crossed lovers Malcolm and Brenda (r). (Oracle)
7.45 The Darling Buds of May: A Breath of French Air. Fifth part of the superb comedy-drama series based on the novels by H.E. Bates, starring David Jason and Pam Ferris as the heads of the riotous Larkin family. After a year of marriage, Mariette and Charley have still failed to produce a child, despite the prodigious fecundity of Ma, now on her seventh. Will a change of air do the trick? (Oracle)
8.45 News with Sue Carpenter. Weather 9.00 LWT Weather
9.05 Jeeves and Wooster. Another of the sparkling P.G. Wodehouse tales definitively brought to life by Hugh Laurie and Stephen Fry as the foppish Bertie Wooster and his unflappable valet Jeeves, whose loyalty, tonight, is put to the test when his master takes up the trombone and the neighbours start complaining. (Oracle)
10.05 Spitting Image. More satirical swipes at the famous
10.35 Singles. Romantic sitcom starring Roger Rees, Judy Loe, Eamon Boland and Susie Blake as four lonely people who meet in a singles bar (r). (Oracle)
11.05 *The Shape of the World: Secrets of the Sea.* The second of a six-part documentary series unravelling the story of maps. Patrick Stewart explores the ways people through history have charted the oceans. (Oracle) Followed by The Day
12.10am The ITV Chart Show
1.05 New Music. Rock and pop music magazine
2.10 Derrick. *German police drama starring Horst Tappert as Chief* Inspector Derrick, hot on the heels of another killer
3.20 Pick of the Week. Highlights of the best from the regions
3.50 Portrait of America. A look at the "Garden State" of New Jersey
4.40 The Lawless Years. John Vivyan stars as Big Ziggy who decides to get even with some fellow gamblers before the police escort him out of town
5.10 The Magic Wok. Philip Paxton serves up some simple and easy-to-prepare Chinese culinary delights
5.30 ITN Morning News. Ends at 6.00

CHANNEL 4

6.00 Trans World Sport 7.00 Eureeka's Castle 7.30 Footur 8.00 Sharky and George 8.30 Betty's Bunch. New Zealand-made drama series about a mother and her four foster children
9.00 California Raisin Show. Animated adventures 9.25 Malgudi Days: Swamy and Friends. Series from India set in the Twenties and Thirties
10.00 A Week in Politics — Second Reading. An analysis of the local government elections; and a discussion on Labour's education plans between Baroness Blackstone and Tory MP George Walden
10.45 Dennis. Cartoon adventures 11.00 Beat That (r) 11.30 The Lone Ranger (b/w). Vintage western series 12.00 The Waltons 1.00 Voyage to the Bottom of the Sea (b/w). Well-produced tongue-in-cheek American series about an atomic submarine trawling the ocean depths for villains and monsters
2.00 Film: Great Expectations (1946, b/w). Regarded by many as the definitive screen version of any Dickens novel, this delightful film saw the first collaboration of Alec Guinness and director David Lean — it would become a partnership that would span nearly 40 years. The youthful Pip almost dies of fright when the convict Magwitch first appears on Romney Marshes and it is a meeting that will have strange consequences for both of them. The important characters are cast to perfection (including John Mills as Pip, Finlay Currie as Magwitch and Martita Hunt as a superbly decayed Miss Haversham) 4.15 Once There Was a Dog. Cartoon
4.25 Walkie Talkie. Muriel Gray talks to Charlotte Rampling (r)
4.55 News summary and weather followed by Seven Women in Tibet. A documentary about an all-women expedition to Tibet
6.00 Kabaddi: Punjab v West Bengal. Kabaddi is a sport that has been played on the Indian subcontinent for hundreds of years and here is being introduced to British viewers
6.30 The Wonder Years. Kevin (Fred Savage) suffers more tragi-comic teenage angst
7.00 Fragile Earth: Game Wars. A documentary following the work of a private security firm — consisting mostly of former SAS men and Royal Marines — which has been hired to patrol Lochaber in the Scottish Highlands to deter poachers. (Teletext)
8.00 Hard News. Dawn Griffiths, the mother of a baby who was kidnapped 15 months ago, talks about her experiences at the hands of the tabloid press
8.30 Professional Foul. Since the BBC seems unwilling to repeat almost any of its standard-setting drama, Channel 4 steps bravely into the breach with the transmission of six much-needed re-runs. Tom Stoppard wrote this powerful and witty play in response to Amnesty International's designation of 1977 as Prisoner of Conscience Year and to the publication of the Czech dissident manifesto Charter 77. A politically uninvolved philosopher (the superb Peter Barkworth) officially visits Prague to present a paper at a conference, but he is mainly determined to attend a World Cup football match between Czechoslovakia and England. He is then faced with a moral dilemma when asked to smuggle a subversive thesis by a Czech philosophy student (Stephen Rea) out of the country. Directed by Michael Lindsay-Hogg



Sex personified: Richardson, Stevenson, Plowright (10.05pm)

10.05 Film on Four: Drowning By Numbers (1987).
● CHOICE: One doesn't immediately link Greenaway with Godard, but there are similarities, most obvious in their composition and perspective: the same taste for painterly, classical tableaux-vivants and a preference for horizontal movement. Both are fond of the simple physical actions of *exercises like swimming, skipping and catch.* Godard, being Swiss, tends to make films where rooms are kept neat; Greenaway's characters are tidy too and Greenaway himself is obsessionally symmetric and has a craze for tying up loose ends. Both use soundtracks to bombard audiences with ideas, take pleasure in pedantry and inconsequentiality, and nudity too, for *which they try to find intellectual justification. They share the* assumption that all sex should be listed under A for Activities Abnormal. Greenaway also favours well-spoken theatrical actresses: Juliette Stevenson and Joely Richardson — as personifications of sexual frustration and appetite — perform gamely. (Teletext)
12.20am Film: Mr Hoover and I (1989). Documentary film-maker Emile de Antonio was under FBI surveillance on-and-off for 40 years. When Bureau head J. Edgar Hoover died, de Antonio set about constructing an exposé of his private life. Ends at 1.55

ITV VARIATIONS

ANGLIA

As London except: 2.25pm Film: Stagecoach 4.35-4.45 Cartoon Time 11.05 Film: Blade Runner 1.30 Hooperman 2.00 The Hit Man and Her 4.00 Nascar 5.00-5.30 Children's Island

BORDER

As London except: 2.25pm The ITV Chart Show 3.25-4.45 Film: Three's A Crowd 11.10 First Division Special 12.05 Film: Night Games 1.30 The Twilight Zone 2.00 The Hit Man and Her 4.00 CinemAttractions 4.30 America's Top Ten 5.00-5.30 Ten Pin Bowling.

CENTRAL

As London except: 2.25pm The ITV Chart Show 3.25 Cartoon Time 3.40-4.45 Bigfoot Strikes Again 11.10 CinemAttractions 11.40 Desperado 1.25 Friday the 13th 2.20 Film: The Possessed 3.45 American College Football 4.40-5.30 Central Jobfinder '91

GRAMPIAN

As London except: 2.30 Film: Beatha 'n Fheasgh 2.55 Crann Tara 3.25 The Spectacular World of Guinness Records 3.50-4.45 Coronation Street 5.10 Crossroads 5.15-7.20 Film: Scavenger Hunt 11.15 Country in Concert 12.10 Film: Night Games (Barry Newman, Susan Howard) 1.35 The Twilight Zone 2.00 The Hit Man and Her 4.00 CinemAttractions 4.30 America's Top Ten 5.00-5.30 Ten Pin Bowling

HTV WEST

As London except: 2.55pm-4.45 Film: What's Good for the Goose

TSW

As London except: 2.25pm The South West Week 2.55 The ITV Chart Show 3.55 CartoonTime 4.15-4.45 Short Story Theatre 11.05 Late Night Romantics 12.05 Film: Night Games 1.30 The Twilight Zone 2.00 The Hit Man and Her 4.00 CinemAttractions 4.30 America's Top Ten 5.00-5.30 Ten Pin Bowling

TVS

As London except: 2.25pm Motorsport Special 2.55 The Spectacular World of Guinness Records 3.50-4.45 McCloud: The Park Avenue Rustlers 11.05 The Sweeney 12.05 Film: The Graduate 2.00 America's Top Ten 2.30 2.30 CinemAttractions 3.00 American College Football 4.00 Adventure Bound 5.00-5.30 Rallycross.

TYNE TEES

As London except: 2.25pm The ITV Chart Show 3.25 The Life and Times of Grizzly Adams 4.20-4.45 Who's the Boss? 5.05 Northern Life Saturday Special 11.05 The New Avengers 12.05 Film: Night Games 1.30 The Twilight Zone 2.00 The Hit Man and Her 4.00 CinemAttractions 4.30 America's Top Ten 5.00-5.30 Ten Pin Bowling

ULSTER

As London except: 2.25pm The ITV Chart Show 3.20 Superstars of Wrestling 4.20-4.45 The Spectacular World of Guinness Records 11.10 First Division Special 12.05 Film: Night Games 1.30 The Twilight Zone 2.00 The Hit Man and Her 4.00 CinemAttractions 4.30 America's To Ten 5.00-5.30 Ten Pin Bowling

YORKSHIRE

As London except: 2.25pm McCloud 3.20-4.45 Film: When Worlds Collide 11.05 Film: Joe Kidd 12.45 The Equalizer 1.40 Backstage 2.00 The Hit Man and Her 4.00 Police Precinct 5.00 Superboy 5.20-4.30 Magic, Magic.

S4C

Starts: 6.00am Comic Book 7.30 The People's Game 8.00 Trans World Sport 9.00 News 9.04 C4 Racing 9.25 Sing and Swing 9.30 Wallis Tallis 10.00 Dig 10.30 Equinox 11.30 The Painter's World 12.00 Jonathan Ross 12.30 Bunso 1.00 World League of American Football 2.00 La Femme de Papier 2.15 C4 Racing from Newmarket 2.45 Rygbi: Llanelli v Pontypool 4.30 C4 Racing from Newmarket 5.05 Brookside 6.30 Newyddion 6.40 'Steddfod 'Steddfod! 8.15 Y Mwg Chwarae 9.25 Film: Hope and Glory 11.30 Banned: Death on the Rock 12.30 Replay: Milking the Chocolate Man 12.45 Australian Rules Football '91 1.40 Dilwedd

RTE 1

Starts: 10.55am Nellie the Elephant 11.00 Satellite City 11.05 Duck Tales 11.35 Batman 12.00 Family Ties 12.30 The Workers' Party and Fhela 1.30 News followed by The Thanksgiving Promise 2.25 Beyond 2000 3.05 Film: Cup Fever 4.10 The Quinns 5.30 Dick Turpin 6.00 The Angelus 6.01 News 5.20 Mailbag 6.45 Duck 7.00 The Workers' Party and Fhela 8.00 36th Eurovision Song Contest 10.45 News 11.10 Dallas 12.00 News 12.05 Close

NETWORK 2

Starts: 11.15am The Workers Party and Fhela 12.30 News 12.35 Sports Stadium 5.05 Cousteau — Rediscovery of the World 6.00 Death Valley Days 6.30 Seachtain 6.55 Nuacht 7.00 Songs of the Big Valley 8.00 News 8.05 North and South 9.45 Film: Terms of Endearment 12.10am Close

RADIO

RADIO 1

6.35-6.55am Open University (FM only) 6.55 Weather
7.00 Morning Concert: Byrd (Though Amaryllis Dounce in Greene: Hilliard Ensemble; London Baroque); Bax (Morning Song, Maytime in Sussex: LPO); Cowell (Hymn and Fuguing Tune No 10: Academy of St Martin-in-the-Fields); Holst (Lord Who Has Made Us For Thine Own: Holst Orchestra and Singers)
7.30 News
7.35 Morning Concert (cont): Handel (Sonata à cinque in B flat: London Baroque); Buxtehude (Jesu meine Freud und Lust: King's Consort); Mendelssohn (Symphony No 5 in B flat, Reformation: Bavarian Radio SO)
8.30 News
8.35 Ayres for the Theatre: The second of eight programmes performed by Parley of Instruments under Peter Holman and Roy Goodman. Purcell (Suite from Amphitryon; Dialogue, Fair Iris and Her Swain); Anon (Mustapha); Purcell (The Gordian Knott Unty'd)
9.15 Glenn Gould, piano, plays Sibelius (Sonatina, Op 67 No 1); Haydn (Sonata in E flat, H XVI 52); Strauss (Sonata, Op 5) 10.15 Music Weekly
11.00 Boston SO under Carl St Clair performs Oliver Knussen (The Way to Castle Yonder); Mendelssohn (Symphony No 4 in A, Op 90, Italian); Liszt (Piano Concerto No 1 in E flat: Earl Wild); Tchaikovsky (Fantasy overture, Romeo and Juliet)
12.25pm French Baroque Motets: Les Arts Florissants under William Christie performs three petits motets by Jean-Baptiste Lully. Domini Salvum Regem; Salve Regina; Exaudi Deus
12.45pm Table Talk: The physicist Professor Nicholas Kurti boils eggs the scientific way
1.00 News
1.05 Your Concert Choice, with Paul Guinery. Charpentier (Te Deum: Les Arts Florissants under Christie); Mozart (Concerto No 13, K 415: Philharmonia under Ashkenazy, piano); Chaminade (Automne: Moura Lympany, piano); Arthur Wills (Tongues of Fire: the composer, organ); Milhaud (Suite française: Monte Carlo PO under Georges Prêtre)
2.30 Mischa Maisky, cello, with Martha Argerich, piano, plays Beethoven (Variations on Handel's See the Conquering Hero Comes, Judas Maccabaeus; Sonata in F, Op 5 No 1; Variations on Mozart's Ein Mädchen oder Weibchen, Op 66; Variations on Mozart's Die Männern, welche Liebe fühlen, The Magic Flute; Sonata in G minor, Op 5 No 2), incl 3.20 Interval Reading
4.05 Poet of the Month: The Australian poet Les Murray
4.25 BBC Scottish SO under Takuo Yuasa performs Liszt (Festklänge); Schoenberg (Verklärte Nacht)
5.15 Opera News
6.00 My Beloved Spake: Love poetry from the Song of Songs, with settings from Palestrina's Canticum Canticorum
7.00 A Helluva Town: John Alden Carpenter (Skyscrapers: LSO under Kenneth Klein); Charles Ives (From Hanover Square North at the End of a Tragic Day, 1915, the Voice of the People Again Rose: LSO and Chorus under Stokowski)
7.30 Sunday Play: Kingdom of Crows and Carrion
● CHOICE: If you think of it at all — and how many people, outside Wales, *do* — the last thing you would say about *The Mabinogion*, that treasure house of Welsh medieval legends, is that it is about the war between the sexes. And of course, it's not. At least not *all* of it. Nor even *most* of it. But it's certainly what some of the tales are about, and David Calcutt has woven them into a marvellous tapestry of radio drama — a non-stop sequence of murders, curses, revenges, *lusting, pre-Merlin magic, and* the oddest of wizard's familiars, a talking sow
9.15 A Mozart Festival (new series): Seven concerts of chamber works given earlier this year. Talisse Quartet; Wind soloists of the COE perform String Quartet in A, K 464; Serenade in B flat for 13 wind instruments, K 361), incl 9.50 Interval Reading
10.45 BBC SO under Davis performs Payne (Time's Arrow)
11.15 Israel Piano Trio plays Spohr (Trio No 3 in A minor, Op 124); Copland (Vitebsk, Study on a Jewish Theme)
12.00 News 12.05am Close

RADIO 2

(s) Stereo on FM
6.00am News Briefing; Weather 6.10 Prelude (s) 6.30 News; Morning Has Broken (s) 6.55 Weather
7.00 News 7.10 Sunday Papers 7.15 The Living World (r) 7.40 Sunday (s), incl 7.55 Weather
8.00 News 8.10 Sunday Papers 8.50 Peter Egan speaks for the *Week's Good Cause* on behalf of the Medical Foundation for the Care of Victims of Torture 8.55 Weather
9.00 News 9.10 Sunday Papers 9.15 Letter from America by Alistair Cooke (r)
9.30 Morning Service from Rosyth Parish Church, Fife
10.15 The Archers: Omnibus edition
11.15 News Stand: Martin Wainwright reviews the week's periodicals
11.30 Pick of the Week (s) (r)
12.15pm Desert Island Discs: Sue *Lawley's castaway is* Richard Rogers, the award-winning architect (s) (r) 12.55 Weather
1.00 The World This Weekend 1.55 Shipping Forecast
2.00 Gardeners' Question Time: A postbag edition with Clay Jones and experts
2.30 The Norman Conquests: Living Together. The second of a trilogy of plays by Alan Ayckbourn about a librarian's exploits (s)
4.00 News; Analysis: Markets à la Mode. David Walker examines whether a new Conservatism is being unveiled or whether the "social market" represents old-style Toryism in disguise (r)
4.47 Time for Verse: Carol Ann Duffy talks to Gillian Clarke
5.00 News; Down Your Way: The writer Ferdinand Dennis visits Harlesden and the Stonebridge Estate in northwest London
5.40 The Unfair Sex
● CHOICE: "Misogynists of the world unite" is the slogan on the banners that Tony Slattery and Haydn Gwynne fiendishly wave throughout episode one of this abusive quartet of quotes from the famous and infamous. The mildest ones are: "Form of an angel, mind of an ass" (German proverb), "Women are not as young as they're painted" (Max Beerbohm), "They are a desirable calamity, and the road to iniquity" (11th century tract), and "I wish Adam had died with all his ribs in his body" (Don Boucicault, Irish playwright and actor) (s) 5.50 Shipping Forecast 5.55 Weather
6.00 News; Sports Round-Up
6.15 Feedback (r)
6.30 The Deserted Child: Making Marriages. In the second of a two-part exploration into Queen Victoria's perceptions of family life, Neville Teller looks at her image as a compulsive, though unsuccessful, matchmaker (s)
7.00 In Business: A Seat on the Board. The role of a company director (s) (r)
7.30 Bookshelf: Nigel Forde meets *the novelist Stan Barstow, and* Margaret Forster discusses her latest novel, *The Battle of Christabel* (r)
8.00 Punters: Listeners report on a variety of issues (r)
8.40 Reading Aloud: A Short Walk from Harrods. The actor Dirk Bogarde reflects on his return to London
9.00 News; Treasure Islands: Michael Rosen talks to Anne Fine, one of the leading writers for children (r)
9.15 The Natural History Programme (r) 9.59 Weather
10.00 News
10.15 Farm Hall: During the final weeks of the second world war, ten of Germany's top nuclear physicists were held in a farmhouse in England. Why they were held still remains shrouded in secrecy. Dramatised by Richard Weiss and Colin McLaren (s) (r)
11.00 In Committee: Patrick Bartlett reports on the work of Parliament's select committees
11.30 Seeds of Faith: Nearer to God in the Garden. In the first of four seasonal programmes, Geoffrey Smith tends his garden near Harrogate (s)
12.00-12.30am News, incl 12.20 Weather 12.33 Shipping Forecast

FREQUENCIES: Radio 1: 1053kHz/285m;1089kHz/275m;FM-97.6-99.8. Radio 2: FM-88-90.2. Radio 3: 1215kHz/ 247m; FM-90-92.4. Radio 4: 198kHz/1515m;FM-92.4-94.6. Radio 5: 693kHz/433m; 909kHz/330m. World Service: MW 648kHz/463m. Jazz FM 102.2. LBC: 1152kHz/261m; FM 97.3. Capital: 1548kHz/194m; FM 95.8. GLR: 1458kHz/206m; FM 94.9; Melody FM 104.9.

SATELLITE

SKY ONE

● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites.
6.00am Bailey's Bird 8.30 Castaway 7.00 Fun Factory 11.00 Eight Is Enough 12.00 That's Incredible 1.00pm The New Adventures of Wonder Woman 2.00 WWF Superstars of Wrestling 3.00 Those Amazing Animals 4.00 *The Love Boat 5.00 Small* Wonder 5.30 Sky Star Search 6.30 The Simpsons 7.00 21 Jump Street 8.00 Roots: The Next Generation. Fourth of a seven-part mini series 10.00 Falcon Crest 11.00 Entertainment Tonight 12.00 Wrestling: Saturday Night Main Event

SKY NEWS

● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites.
News on the hour.
5.00am Sunrise 5.30 Target 9.00 Sunrise 9.30 Financial Times Business Weekly 10.30 Holiday Destinations 11.30 Those Were the Days 1.30pm Target 2.30 The World: A TV History 3.30 Holiday Destinations 4.30 Those Were the Days 5.00 Live at Five 6.30 Financial Times Business Weekly 7.30 The World: A TV History 8.30 Target 10.30 Financial Times Business Weekly 11.30 The World: A TV History 12.30am Target 1.30 Financial Times Business Weekly 2.30 Those Were the Days 3.30 Holiday Destinations 4.30 Those Were the Days

● Via the Marcopolo satellite.
News on the hour.
3.00pm Opera: Gilbert and Sullivan's *The Mikado* 8.30 *Financial Times* Business Weekly 7.30 Ballet: The Merry Widow 9.00 The Dolmetsch Years

SKY MOVIES+

● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellite.
6.00am Showcase
8.00 Licence to Drive (1988): A teenager borrows his father's car for a dream date
10.00 The Lady and the Highwayman (1988): Historical drama set during the turbulent reign of King Charles II
12.00 California Girls (1985): Robbie Benson has an affair with his dream woman
2.00pm Club Med (1986): The amorous adventures of five holidaymakers
3.35 The Best of Carry On Hunting
4.00 Battle Beyond the Stars (1980). Richard Thomas hires seven space warriors to save his peace-loving planet
6.00 Maid to Order (1987): A spoilt rich girl (Ally Sheedy) is forced to become a maid
7.40 Projector
8.00 Dead Poets Society (1989): Robin Williams stars as a maverick English teacher
10.05 Halloween IV: The Return of Michael Myers (1989): The knife-wielding maniac *stalks the streets of his home town* once more. Starring Donald Pleasence
11.35 Something Is Out There — Part One (1988): Science-fiction whodunit starring Joe Cortese
1.05am Car Trouble (1985): Marital problems abound when Ian Charleson and Julie Walters take delivery of a new car
2.35 Mean Streets (1973): Martin Scorsese's sharply observed tale of life in New York's Little Italy district
4.25 Bridge to Silence (1988): A hearing-impaired woman (Marlee Matlin) has to rebuild her life. Ends at 6.00

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites.
6.15am The Ox-Bow Incident (1943, b/w): A lynch-mob takes the law into its own hands
8.15 The Lodger (1944, b/w): A turn-of-the-century guest at a London boarding house may or may not be Jack the Ripper
10.15 Whoopee! (1930): A Busby Berkeley musical, starring Eddie Cantor
12.15pm The King and I (1956): Classic Rogers and Hammerstein musical about the King of Siam (Yul Brynner), who falls for his children's English governess (Deborah Kerr)
2.30 The Whales of August (1987): Two elderly sisters (Lillian Gish and Bette Davis) await the end of summer
4.15 The Clown and the Kids: A circus clown enchants a town's children
6.15 Cinema Paradiso (1989): Award-winning Italian drama about a young boy's fascination with the cinema
8.20 The Electric Horsemen (1980): A rodeo rider (Robert Redford) steals a horse involved in television commercials
10.20 The Cook The Thief His Wife and Her Lover (1988): A gangster-type (Michael Gambon) tries to elevate his social status by eating at an expensive restaurant
12.20am Sweet Lies (1987): A businessman (Treat Williams) is pursued by two French girls while in Paris
2.05 Grandmother's House (1988): Two children are attacked by a maniacal woman while staying with their grandparents
3.35 *Gator (1976): Sequel to White Lightning,* starring Burt Reynolds as the inveterate moonshiner. Ends at 5.30

SKY SPORTS

● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites.
9.00am European Championship Football 10.00 Waterskiing 11.00 Benson and Hedges One-Day Cricket 12.00 Scottish Football Magazine 1.00pm Live Sunday League Cricket 6.00 Live British Rugby League 8.00 Italian Football 10.00 Scottish Football Magazine *11.00 Irish Cup Final* 12.00 Italian Football

EUROSPORT

● Via the Astra satellite.
6.00am Hour of Power 7.00 Fun Factory 9.00 *Transworld Sport 10.00 Equestrianism* 11.00 Sunday Alive: Superbouts; Madrid Open Tennis; Sailing Grand Prix; Rhythmic Gymnastics; Equestrianism 6.00pm World League of American Football 9.00 Madrid Open Tennis 11.00 Ice Hockey World Championships

SCREENSPORT

● Via the Astra satellite.
8.00am Pro Superbikes 7.00 Gymnastics 8.00 La Vuelta Cycling Tour of Spain 8.30 Major League Baseball 9.30 Triple Crown Horse Racing 1991 10.00 Volvo PGA European Golf Tour 11.00 1991 British Rallycross 12.00 Stop-USWA Wrestling 1.00pm Powersports 2.00 Weekend Live La Vuelta Cycling Tour of Spain 3.30 Weekend Live Volvo PGA European Golf Tour 5.30 *Revs 6.00 FIA European Rallycross Championships* 7.00 Weekend Live Motor Sport Nascar 10.30 La Vuelta Cycling Tour of Spain 11.00 US Men's Pro Bowlers 12.15am Nobel Under 25 Professional Golf

LIFESTYLE

● Via the Astra satellite.
12.00 Johnny Rango 12.30pm The Bill Dana Show 1.00 The Joan Rivers Show 1.55 The Detectives 2.50 Spain Spain International Cuisine 3.05 World Class Championship Wrestling 4.00 Rocky Jones 4.25 Lifestyle Special: Movie Awards 8.00 The Sell-a-Vision Shopping Programme 8.00 Close 12.00 Satellite Jukebox

MTV

● Via the Astra satellite.
Twenty-four hours of rock and pop

RADIO

RADIO 1

FM Stereo and MW. 4.00am Jenny Costello 7.00 Bruno and Liz 9.30 Dave Lee Travis 12.30pm Pick of the Pops: Top 20 charts of 1987, 1978 and 1964 2.30 Jakki Brambles 4.30 The Complete UK Top 40 7.00 Annie Nightingale's Request Show *9.00 Andy Kershaw 11.00 John Peel (FM only after 12.00)* 2.00-4.00am Neale James (FM only)

RADIO 2

FM Stereo. 4.00am David Allen 8.00 Graham Knight 7.30 Don Maclean says Good Morning Sunday 9.05 Richard Baker with Melodies for You 11.00 Desmond Carrington: Radio 2 All-Time Greats 2.00 Benny Green 3.00 Alan Dell with Sounds Easy 4.00 Marking Time: An evocation of the events of 1933 (5 of 6) 4.30 Sing Something Simple (r) 5.00 Charlie Chester 7.00 BBC Concert Orchestra Showcase (1 of 3) (r) 8.00 Duets for 4 (2 of 3) (r) 8.30 Sunday Half Hour 9.00 Alan Keith with Your Hundred Best Tunes 10.00 Ed Stewart 12.05am They're Singing Our Song: Songs for Swinging Heroes (2 of 6) 1.00 Colin Berry with Night Ride 3.00-4.00 A Little Night Music

RADIO 3

6.00am World Service 7.30 Sunday Edition, incl 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 News; Sport 9.00 News; Sport 9.04 This Family Business, incl 10.00 News; Sport 10.30 Education Matters (r) 11.00 News; Sport 11.02 Learn to Earn (r) 11.30 Invitation to Dinner (r) 12.00 News; Sport 12.03pm Open University, incl 1.00 News; Sport 2.00 Sunday Sport. Cricket: Refuge Assurance League; Eventing: Final day of the Whitbread Championships from Badminton; Rugby League: Semi-finals of the Stones Bitter Premiership; Snooker: Penultimate day of the Embassy World Professional Championships from the Crucible Theatre, Sheffield 6.00 Sunday Sports Report 7.20 Open University 9.00 Soundprint: Killing Our

Hillsborough relatives lose claim for TV suffering

By Robin Young

RELATIVES and friends of people who died in the Hillsborough disaster failed to win compensation yesterday for psychological damage they suffered while watching the tragedy unfold on television or from nearby seats in the ground. The Court of Appeal rejected their claims, but granted leave to appeal to the House of Lords.

Lord Justice Stocker said that the claimants, relatives and friends of six victims, were entitled to "universal sympathy" but not legal damages. Witnessing television broadcasts was not a sufficient basis for compensation.

Lords Justices Stocker, Parker and Nolan unanimously rejected the appeals against an earlier High Court ruling on compensation claims against Peter Wright, the chief constable of South Yorkshire. They allowed a further nine appeals by the chief constable against claims that had succeeded.

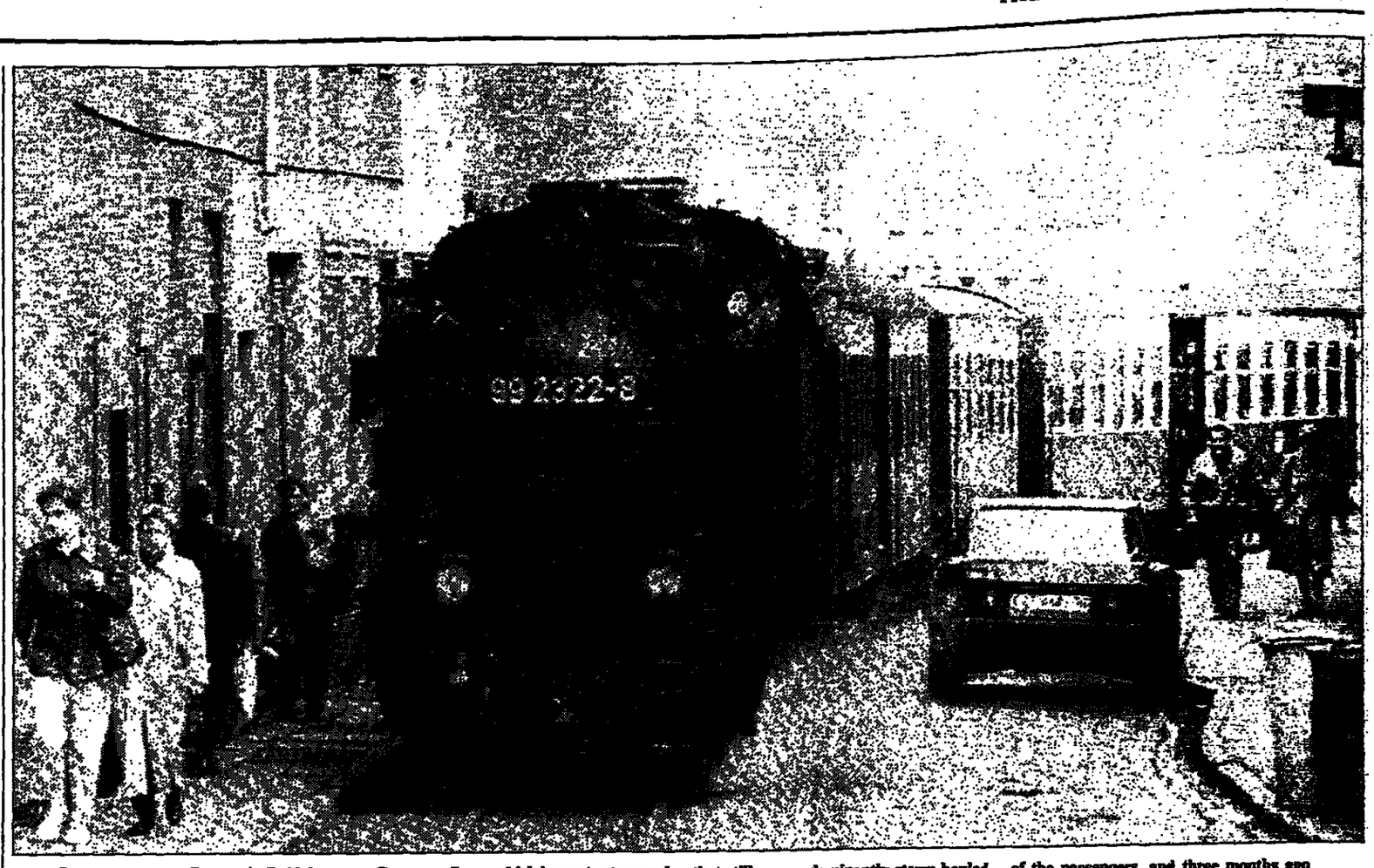
The police have admitted that their lack of care caused the disaster in 1989, in which 95 people died and 400 were injured when police ordered the perimeter gates to be opened as a crush developed outside Sheffield Wednesday's football ground. The judges said, however, that the relatives' case failed because the police could not reasonably have foreseen the psychological effects that the disaster had on the claimants.

Lord Justice Parker said that it was not challenged that the friends and relatives had suffered nervous shock leading to psychiatric illness. The question was whether the circumstances entitled the claimants to compensation and the claims went beyond the law as established by previous cases.

Lord Justice Parker said he could not consider television viewers as so closely and directly connected with the police negligence in the present cases that the defendant ought to have had them in mind."

The judges rejected appeals by relatives of three other disaster victims against the High Court's refusal of claims for pain suffered by the victims in the half-hour before they died. Lord Justice Parker said that the victims had all died within seconds of receiving crushing injuries. The court awarded the police costs but stayed the order for claimants without legal aid, pending any appeal.

Trevor Hicks, chairman of the Hillsborough Family Support Group, said there would be appeals and they would succeed.



Permanent way: a German-built 99.2 class narrow-gauge steam engine running through the streets of Bad Doberan, near the Baltic Sea. The 2-8-2 tank engine, built in 1932, operates a regular service of Deutsche Reichsbahn, the former East German railway, which has not yet merged with its West German counterpart. The 15 kilometre "Molli" line, linking the tourist resorts of Bad Doberan and Ostseebad Kühlungsborn West, is one of eight narrow-gauge lines in eastern Germany that still run predominantly steam-hauled regular services. The first train on this line, which goes through the town centre, runs at 04.47am daily. The gauge, 90 centimetres, is one of Europe's narrowest. British enthusiasts are a large proportion of the passengers, and three months ago campaigned to keep services on several lines that the authorities were proposing to close down. German federal railways are the most debt-laden in Europe, and dozens of small lines face closure.

MONDAY IN THE TIMES

The time is out of joint: "If you are approached by *the Mona Lisa arm in arm with Napoleon and* told that the Crucifixion never happened, and even if it did it was 250 years late, evince no surprise," says Bernard Levin, who laughs that he may not weep about the current craze for reworking history

Tilting for the title: The football league championship is reaching a climax. Which is the better team, Arsenal or Liverpool? The experts cast their votes. Plus reviews and previews from the sporting bank holiday weekend

Bangladesh valiantly tries to cope

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sands of saris and lungis because many people are all but naked. The scene in Patenga near Chittagong yesterday was one of desolation. People wore handkerchiefs over their faces to stifle the stench from the rotting carcases. A huge barge used for dredging the estuary and weighing several tons sat in the middle of the main road where it had been dumped by a giant wave.

The relief effort will have to arrive by road and air since access to the port of Chittagong, the country's main harbour, is blocked by eight sunken ships. The dock area is a bedlam of land-locked merchant ships, smashed fishing boats and destroyed houses. People seemed dazed. Many said they had heard non-stop cyclone warnings over the state-run radio but had decided to stay.

Lutfur Rahman Khan, the minister for relief and rehabilitation, said at least 20 more helicopters were required to help with distribution of food and water. He said salt water had flooded wells creating a shortage of drinking water.

The death toll on offshore islands became clearer as 21,000 Red Crescent volunteers helped organise burials. On Maheshkhali, 11,000 are estimated to have died. On Chokoria, the figure is put at 10,000 and on Sandwip it is 5,000. The island of Kutubdia is said to have lost nearly half of its 90,000 population. The impoverished islanders do not own radios and were not aware of the impending disaster warning.

Lack of drinking water presented the most imminent threat although torrential rain last night will provide some relief. But it will also increase the wretchedness of the millions who are sleeping in the open. Sakina Begum, huddled in ragged clothes, spread out some red peppers on the ground to dry and hummed a tune to herself. Her father and brother are dead, her home gone. She would not speak to any one.

People said the wind started to rise on Monday, and by 10pm the first tidal surge hit them. At 3am on Tuesday a giant wave swept everything away, carrying people, animals and homes back into the estuary as the water retreated.

All the fun of the fair and cheap cars too

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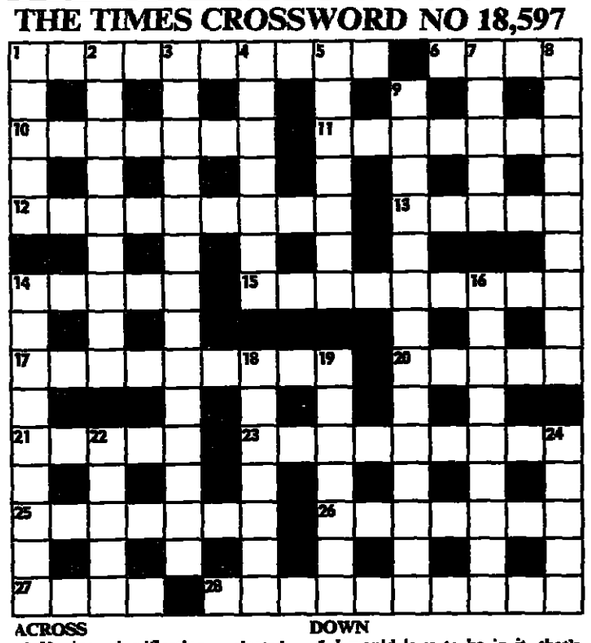
by the Belgian authorities who want the area to become the centre of European car retailing with spin-offs for tourism and trade.

Mr Browne said: "Even if the price structure changed throughout Europe, the appeal of buying a car in this fashion would be enough to guarantee its success."

The idea comes at a time when the commission is taking a critical view of prices which could be as much as 50 per cent lower on the Continent. A study prepared for the commission concluded that there are "two complex monopolies" in the supply of cars which "prevent and restrict" competition in Britain. It identified as monopolies, the "gentlemen's agreement" made between British and Japanese car industries which has restricted to less than 11 per cent the imports of Japanese cars into Britain, and the car makers' selective distribution system.

The commission has yet to decide whether these monopolies work against public interest.

THE TIMES CROSSWORD NO 18,597



ACROSS

1 Having justification, elected Conservatives (2,3,5).
6 Vehicle that's second was in the lead (4).
10 Short of two from each side, daily contest angered a whole number (7).
11 Dexterity – half of it acquired after 6 (7).
12 Theme I can develop in films (3,6).
13 Father was a critic (5).
14 A collection of people you see in church (5).
15 Article used aboard choppers (9).
17 Fawn dog, large and rough-haired (4-5).
20 Writer and flier... (5).
21 ... writer and flier dropping one letter, we hear (5).
23 Made legal claim about colour that's constant (9).
25 Stone that's embedded in the road (4-3).
26 Help about to be employed in hotels – Asiatics (7).
27 Round knot in line ... (4).
28 ... that's involved in bet, with nothing put on (5,5).

DOWN

1 I would love to be in it, that's natural (5).
2 Leading by three foot, roughly (2,3,4).
3 Language a means of communication or a barrier between us and foreigners? (7,7).
4 One's king being overthrown, one becomes a republican (7).
5 The man to manage economically (7).
7 The answer you seek is unimportant (5).
8 Stop chap getting cleaner (9).
9 Muff is meant to practise (4,4,4,2).
14 Two carriers of drivers? Just one (6,3).
16 Joan, reformed in prison, follows accepted standard (5,4).
18 Leaders of unsuccessful party sat and cried, describing a hair style (7).
19 A lot of papers – tramp carries one (7).
22 Demonstrated a fabric (5).
24 The party's over, but in Rome you get given drugs! (5).

Solution to Puzzle No 18,591

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Solution to Puzzle No 18,596

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PARKER DUOFOLD

A prize of a superb Parker Duofold International Fountain Pen, with an 18 carat gold nib and fully guaranteed for the lifetime of the original owner will be given for the first five correct solutions opened next Thursday. Entries should be addressed to: The Times, Saturday Crossword Competition, PO Box 486, Virginia Street, London E1 9DD. The winners and solution will be published next Saturday.

Name/Address.....

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WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

PULE
a. Puny, underdeveloped
b. A gambling game
c. To whimper

ANILE
a. Weak
b. The White Nile
c. Non-alkaline

FALDSTOOL
a. A prayer stool
b. A wood fungus
c. A three-pronged fork

POULARD
a. A hen that has been spayed
b. A fencer's visor
c. A tug o'war cry

Answers on page 11

TIMES WEATHERCALL

For the latest region by region forecast, 24 hours a day, dial 0898 500 followed by the appropriate code.

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Kent,Surrey,Sussex	702
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Beds,Herts & Essex	707
Norfolk,Suffolk,Cambs	708
West Mid & Sth Glam & Gwent	709
Shrops,Hereffs & Worcs	710
Central Midlands	711
East Midlands	712
Lincs & Humberside	713
Dyfed & Powys	714
Gwynedd & Clwyd	715
N W England	716
W & S Yorks & Dales	717
N E England	718
Cumbria & Lake District	719
S W Scotland	720
W Central Scotland	721
Edin S Fife/Lothian & Borders	722
E Central Scotland	723
Grampian & E Highlands	724
N W Scotland	725
Caithness,Orkney & Shetland	726
N Ireland	727

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M-ways/roads M23-M4	735
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North-east England	743
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LIGHTING UP TIMES

TODAY
London 8.28 pm to 5.36 am
Bristol 8.37 pm to 5.36 am
Edinburgh 8.37 pm to 5.22 am
Manchester 8.43 pm to 5.28 am
Penzance 8.45 pm to 5.52 am

Concise crossword, page 11

The winners of last Saturday's competition are: C W Ladd, Culland View, Crich, Matlock, Derbys; M Edmenson, High Street, Princes End, Tipton, W Midlands; J M Huggins; Ballymacormick Gardens, Bangor, co Down; P M Crabtree, Lemsford Road, St Albans, Herts; E Sherwood, Browning Ave, Thornhill Park, Southampton.

WEATHER

Northern Ireland and Scotland, except the extreme north, will start cloudy with rain, mainly light. Western areas of northern England and north Wales will be cloudy with hill fog and drizzle on higher ground. The rest of the mainland will start quite bright, but become cloudier. Brighter weather in the extreme north will edge south. Outlook: cloudy with a little rain in the west, but brighter, with showers, in the east.

ABROAD

MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain

	C	F			C	F	
Akrotiri	21	70	s	Miami*	30	86	s
Algiers	15	59	c	Milan	9	48	r
Athens	19	66	s	Montreal*	11	52	f
Barbados*	29	84	s	Moscow	17	63	c
Barcelona	13	55	f	Naples	15	59	c
Bermuda*	25	77	s	N York*	19	66	c
Biarritz	11	52	c	Nice	13	55	r
Borde'x	12	54	c	Oslo	13	55	f
Cairo	27	81	s	Paris	9	48	c
Cape Tn	21	70	s	Perth	29	84	f
Colonia	19	66	s	Prague	8	46	r
Corfu	22	72	s	Rhodes	21	70	s
Dublin	10	50	r	Rio de J	25	77	s
Dubrovnik	18	64	c	Rome	16	61	f
Faro	17	63	s	Salzburg	7	45	r
Florence	15	59	c	S F'risco*	12	54	c
Frankfurt	9	48	c	S Paulo*	26	79	s
Funchal	16	61	c	Sing'por	31	88	t
Geneva	9	48	c	St'kholm	9	48	f
Gibraltar	20	68	f	Strasb'rg	9	48	c
Helsinki	8	46	c	Sydney	18	64	s
Hong K	21	70	s	Tangier	22	72	c
Istanbul	19	66	s	Tel Aviv	20	68	s
Jo'burg*	23	73	s	Tenerife	19	66	s
L Palmas	19	66	f	Tokyo	16	61	s
Lisbon	16	61	s	Toronto*	8	46	c
Locarno	17	63	s	Tunis	19	66	f
Luxembg	7	45	c	Vanc'ver*	15	59	s
Luxor	36	97	s	Venice	11	52	r
Madrid	13	55	s	Vienna	11	52	r
Majorca	17	63	s	Warsaw	17	63	c
Malaga	20	68	s	Wash'ton*	22	72	s
Malta	21	70	s	Zurich	6	46	c

* denotes figures are latest available

AROUND BRITAIN

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	11.5	.05	11	52	sunny
Aviemore	8.2	.06	11	52	shower
Belfast	6.5	-	12	54	cloudy
Birmingham	5.7	-	13	55	rain
Blackpool	8.2	-	13	55	sunny
Cardiff	7.3	-	14	57	cloudy
Edinburgh	10.9	-	15	59	sunny
Falmouth	4.8	-	10	50	sunny
Glasgow	11.2	-	17	63	sunny
Kinloss	9.3	-	12	54	sunny
Lowestoft	2.3	.01	9	48	shower
Manchester	5.3	.01	13	55	shower
Milnsheed	7.2	-	13	55	sunny
Nottingham	6.0	-	12	54	sunny
Prestwick	9.4	-	15	59	sunny
Scarborough	6.9	-	9	48	sunny
Teignmouth	8.7	-	14	57	sunny
Weymouth	6.8	-	14	57	sunny

These are Thursday's figures

LONDON

Yesterday: *Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 10C (50F)*; min 6 pm to 6 am, 5C (41F) Humidity: 6 pm, 53 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, nil. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, 2.9 hr. Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, 1021.8 millibars, falling. 1,000 millibars=29.53in.

BRIGHTEST & DULLEST

Thursday: Highest day temp: Glasgow, 17C (63F); lowest day max. Lerwick, Shetland, 5C (41F); highest rainfall: Wick, Highland, 0.09 in; highest sunshine: Aberdeen, 11.5 hr.

MANCHESTER

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 12C (54F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 3C (37F) Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, trace. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, 3.8 in.

GLASGOW

Yesterday: Temp: *max 6 am to 6 pm*, 12C (54F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 3C (37F). Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, 0.05 in. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, 2.3 hr.

TOURIST RATES

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.32	2.17
Austria Sch	21.75	20.35
Belgium Fr	63.6	59.6
Canada $	2.075	1.925
Denmark Kr	11.81	11.11
Finland Mkk	7.25	6.8
France Fr	10.41	9.76
Germany Dm	3.085	2.885
Greece Dr	331	311
Hong Kong $	14	13
Ireland Pt	1.153	1.083
Italy Lira	2290	2140
Japan Yen	252.5	234.5
Netherlands Gld	3.47	3.25
Norway Kr	12.02	11.32
Portugal Esc	264.5	246.5
South Africa Rd	5.55	4.95
Spain Pta	190	177
Sweden Kr	11.04	10.34
Switzerland Fr	2.61	2.44
Turkey Lira	7250	6450
USA $	1.79	1.67
Yugoslavia Dnr	47	31

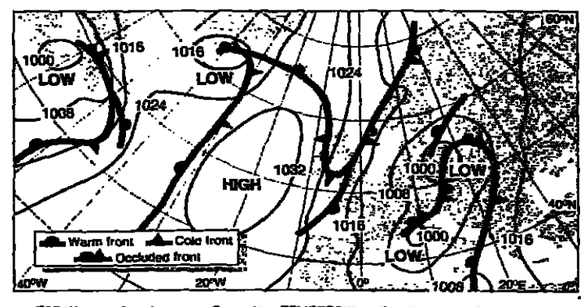
Rates for small denomination bank only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques.

TIDES

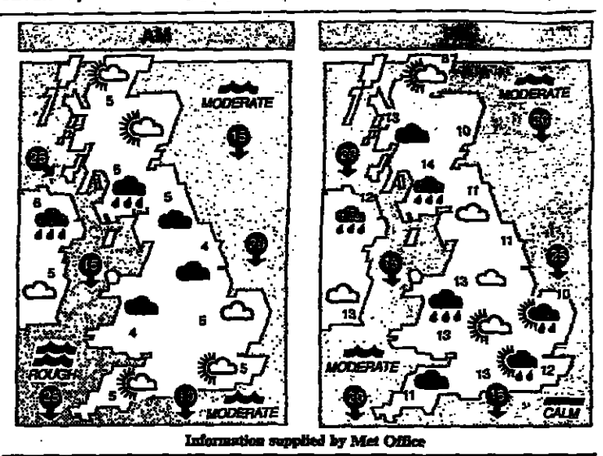
TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	5.47	6.5	5.51	6.5
Aberdeen	5.03	3.7	5.51	3.4
Belfast	2.55	3.3	3.29	3.0
Cardiff	10.42	10.3	10.57	10.1
Glasgow	4.29	4.2	4.44	4.0
Holyhead	2.08	5.0	2.33	4.8
Hull	10.01	6.5	10.39	6.0
Liverpool	2.54	8.4	3.15	7.9
Lowestoft	1.28	2.1	1.13	2.2
Oban	9.19	3.2	9.53	3.2
Portland	10.19	1.4	10.36	1.6
Southampton	2.31	4.0	3.07	3.9
Tees	7.36	4.8	8.16	4.5
W'ton-on-Nze	3.34	3.7	3.37	3.6

Tide measured in metres: 1m=3.28ft.

NOON TODAY



	TODAY	TOMORROW
Sun rises:	5.28 am	5.28 am
Sun sets:	8.28 pm	8.30 pm
Moon rises:	1.16 am	1.46 am
Moon sets:	9.02 am	10.09 am
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WEEKEND MONEY

Investors face loss of £15m

AS MANY as 200 investors could have lost more than £15 million in total after investing in a plan operated by Castlegate, a failed financial services group from Reading, Berkshire.

Investors were told that Castlegate's Capital Fund Owners Plan was "risk free" and would earn 20 per cent a year. There is no chance of redress through the Investors Compensation Scheme as neither the group nor the plan were operated under the Financial Services Act.

Institutions are also likely to suffer. The Bank of Scotland claims to have lost £10 million and National Home Loans £3.5 million ..... Page 29

Equal to job



The self-effacing demeanour of David Smith, chief executive of Isoceles, is more characteristic of the archetypal accountant than of a man who pulled off one of Britain's most daring takeover bids. He tells Gillian Bowditch that he is bemused by his success..... Page 23

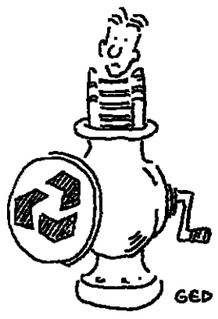
Credit cut

TSB and the Halifax have both cut rates on their credit cards this week but cardholders will save little, if any, money. TSB's card was one of the most expensive and it has merely brought itself into line with its competitors. The Halifax is to charge interest from the transaction date rather than the statement date..... Page 28

Green surge

Ethical investments have been powering ahead of other stocks this year, according to the James Capel Green Index. This bullish performance has been largely due to the interest of institutional investors ..... Page 28

Your letters



GED

National Westminster Bank could have broken the record for the most correspondence and the largest research fee charged to a single account, writes a mother who tried to sort out her son's bank statements..... Page 30

Parcel losses

Royal Mail Parcelforce is to shed 550 administrative jobs and raise prices to retail customers by 25.9 per cent in an effort to stem losses that last year exceeded £60 million. The loss exceeded 10p in the pound for each of the £600 million worth of parcels carried by the group..... Page 22

Oceana offer

Oceana Investment's tender offer for 18.5 per cent of the shares in Etam, which closes at 3.30pm on Tuesday, is one of the most opportunistic the City has seen for some time. Tempus, page 24

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Hill Samuel fined £100,000 for breach of Imro rules

By LINDSAY COOK, MONEY EDITOR

FOUR Hill Samuel investment companies have been fined a total of £100,000 by the Investment Management Regulatory Organisation for 13 breaches of rules, including those on client funds.

The investment arm of TSB Group is the first Imro member to be publicly disciplined and the fine is by far the largest imposed. Previous fines have been in the low thousands.

Hill Samuel Private Client Management, Hill Samuel Unit Trust Managers, Hill Samuel Investment Services and Hill Samuel Pep Managers admitted the rule breaches at a hearing on April 12 and do not plan to appeal against the size of the fine. The management of Hill Samuel, which was bought by TSB for £777 million in 1987, was restructured in March when Hugh Freedberg took over as chief executive.

The most serious breaches relate to client money. The personal equity plan managers admitted they failed to designate two accounts as client accounts.

Hill Samuel said: "There was no question that the money was not safe with us. There was no loss suffered by anyone." Imro confirmed that "the position of investors has been safeguarded."

Hill Samuel Pep Managers began selling the tax-free plans again this week, after voluntarily suspending them in January after administrative difficulties. The company was unable to send out paperwork quickly enough. Existing plans remained unaffected.

All four Imro members failed to tell complaining customers of their rights at the outset. In the first substantive response, the clients were not told they could refer their problems to the regulatory organisation. They were notified in later correspondence, Hill Samuel said.

Imro and the other self-regulatory organisations are keen for customer complaints to be handled properly. They take the view that the way complaints are handled is an indication of the nature of the management of a member firm.

Another breach involved Hill Samuel Private Client Management, which failed to notify Imro of changes in its regular returns to the regulator. It did not tell Imro when a team of client executives that handled client portfolios left last autumn. Hill Samuel said the regulatory organisation had been told of the departure at its next monitoring visit.

The company said the executives had been immediately replaced by other senior staff from Edinburgh and there was no question of the service being reduced.

While refusing to detail the evidence presented to the investigation committee, John Morgan, the chief executive of Imro, said it was the first time the organisation had made public the findings of the committee as part of the punishment.

He added that Hill Samuel had responded responsibly and was taking action to remedy the situation that gave rise to the rule breaches.

Of regulation, Hill Samuel said: "We are very supportive of the principles of self-regulations and of the need to operate to the highest standards"

The company added that a great deal of management time had been spent to ensure Hill Samuel complied with rules.

Imro has 1,300 members, including fund-management organisations, banks, pension fund managers, unit trust managers, trustees and investment trust managers. Funds managed by its members total £450 billion.

The organisations rules require high standards of administration to ensure that the interests of clients are protected.

Auditor details £147m currency loss

Allied chiefs confirm early departures

By MATTHEW BOND

ALLIED-LYONS' disastrous excursion into foreign currency trading has claimed Sir Derrick Holden-Brown, the chairman, and Richard Martin, the chief executive, who will step down after the July annual meeting.

The departures from the food and drinks group came as a commissioned report from KPMG Peat Marwick McLintock, Allied's auditor, confirmed that the unwinding of Allied's foreign currency positions in March cost the company £147 million. These losses are to be included in the company's full year results, due in ten days.

Both executives had announced decisions to retire before the currency losses, incurred in speculating against the dollar, emerged. Sir Derrick had planned to go in July next year, while Mr Martin was to retire in October of the same year, having reached the age of 60. Mr Martin will continue at Allied as deputy chairman, under Michael Jackaman, the chairman designate. Mr Martin will be replaced as chief executive by Antony Hales, who now runs the company's food division.

Clifford Hatch, the group finance director, resigned on the day Allied currency losses were first revealed in March. Mr Hatch will stay on until the end of June. He will not receive any compensation. An unspecified number of other individuals have also left the five-strong treasury department, although Allied refuses to name or to comment on any individuals.

Sir Derrick has written to all Allied's shareholders, but Allied will not be publishing the auditor's report into the affair.

The letter from Sir Derrick catalogues a series of mistakes, dating from June 1989, when Allied's treasury department not only increased the scale of its currency trading, but began the far riskier business of writing options. The scale of the resultant losses echo those incurred by some local authority treasury departments, which ran up huge losses writing interest rate swaps.

The report is believed to confirm that it was the Bank of England that first alerted the Allied board to its potential currency exposure. At a routine meeting with Sir Derrick last summer, a bank official asked whether Allied's finance director was aware of the foreign exchange dealings of the treasury department.

Sir Derrick initiated an enquiry and further meetings took place between the Bank and Mr Hatch, and Tim Dalton, who succeeded Vernon Cole as group treasurer in 1990. Mr Dalton remains at Allied.

Despite the Bank of England's warning, the enquiry carried out by Mr Hatch concluded that no action need be taken. Sir Derrick now acknowledges that conclusion and his subsequent decision to do nothing were wrong.

By September alarm bells were ringing again. Allied's reporting systems, described by the Peat report as "insufficient", indicated that the treasury department had breached its exposure limit of £500 million.

The subsequent damage limitation process went very expensively wrong. At the same time as a number of treasury staff left, Sir Derrick ordered the currency positions to be closed by January. As this proved difficult, an extension was granted until April.

In February, closing the department's dollar book should have resulted in a loss of under £10 million. However, an "ill-judged" attempt to close the book went wrong, as someone — unnamed in Sir Derrick's letter — gambled all on the dollar weakening. Instead, it rallied strongly, with the pound rate falling from $1.96 on February 21 — the day of the attempted closure — to $1.79 on March 16, the day National Westminster finally closed the position.

Even as NatWest acted to close the position, further movement in the dollar took the company's total exposure to £1.5 billion, three times its own limit. The dollar's movement added a further £40 million to the size of the losses taking the total cost to £147 million. Sir Derrick says no blame should be attached to NatWest.

"We are completely satisfied that National Westminster Bank's prompt action saved the company from even further losses as currencies continued thereafter to move against the positions held. Any comment to the contrary is unfounded."

TED DITCHBURN



Right neighbourly: Paul Theakston outside his proposed brewery, 50ft from the original Theakston brewery

Theakston returns to roots for his brewery

By PHILIP PANGALOS

PAUL Theakston, the former managing director of the 164-year-old Theakston brewery, is making a comeback four years after the ales business was swallowed up by Scottish & Newcastle as part of the Matthew Brown takeover.

Mr Theakston, aged 46, is setting up as an independent brewer and is opening a brewery just 50ft from Scottish & Newcastle's Theakston headquarters in Masham, North Yorkshire.

The close proximity of the two companies is, he says, "just coincidence".

He aims to produce 30,000 pints a week, which is less than a third of the capacity of the Theakston brewery, which is famous for its traditional ales including the popular Old Peculier — a strong favourite among real ale fans.

However, Mr Theakston will not be able to use the Theakston name, so he intends to call his £500,000 venture Lightfoot, after a brewery which is now part of Theakston's offices.

Paul and his wife Sue expect turnover of about £1 million a year. He said: "I won't be copying Theakston's flavour. My new ales will be pale coloured with a taste of their own. We want to produce a draught ale that is distinctive. The outlook for small breweries has never been rosier."

Mr Theakston says production is not expected to start for five or six months. He also has plans for non-returnables as well as draught. "We are hoping to be able to supply the free trade," he added.

US jobless fall takes markets by surprise

By ANATOLE KALETSKY, ECONOMICS EDITOR

AN UNEXPECTED fall in American unemployment bewildered financial markets around the world yesterday, pushing the dollar sharply higher and overshadowing the local election results in the London markets.

America's unemployment rate fell from 6.8 per cent to 6.6 per cent in April, instead of rising to around 7 per cent, as economists had expected.

The dollar soared on hopes that the American recession could soon be over, but bond prices fell sharply and Wall Street was caught in a tug of war between hopes of economic recovery and fears of higher interest rates.

In London the figures distracted attention from domestic political events, which were continued as broadly neutral for the financial markets. The City's disappointment over the poor Conservative showing in the local elections was offset by relief that a June election was now out of the question. There were also hopes that the Treasury might accelerate its plans for cutting interest rates so as to give the economy a boost in time for an election in October. Attention continued to focus on May 17, when retail price figures for April will show a drop of at least 2 per cent in headline inflation.

Share prices moved little in London as investors tried to digest the confusing economic and political news and the FT-SE 100 closed 8 points down at 2,522.7. Some dealers said they were surprised by the pound's resilience in the face of the election results, but others noted that the possibility of a June general election had been a source of political uncertainty for overseas investors in sterling. The pound was virtually unchanged against the mark at DM2.9585, but fell almost three cents against the dollar to $1.6895.

The Labour Department's official economists gave warning that the decline in unemployment was probably a statistical aberration. The unexpected strength in April's employment number was largely offset by a sharper fall in March than previously reported. March payrolls actually fell by 241,000, rather than 206,000.

President Bush, commenting on the figures, also refused to say the recovery had begun. The White House continued to expect economic growth to begin in the early summer.

In Britain, the government released figures to suggest the economy would start to recover in the autumn. The index of longer leading indicators for April rose 1.1 per cent to 98.9, the third substantial gain in succession. Statisticians said a trough in this index had been reached last October and this probably pointed to a similar turn in the economy about a year later.

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Mortgage misery lasts

By SARA MCCONNELL

ALMOST half of Britain's 9.5 million mortgage holders, whose payments are reviewed annually, are stuck with payments set at a rate of 14.5 per cent despite cuts in the variable rate to 12.95 per cent.

Most societies, including the Halifax, set rates for annual review customers in February, when rates were 14.5 per cent. Nearly 1.2 million Halifax customers are on annual review and will have to wait until next spring before benefiting from the cuts.

Since February, rates for variable payment customers have been cut twice. Most borrowers not on annual review will start to feel the benefit of the new rate of 12.95 per cent, on average, in their May or June payment, depending on the lender.

Three societies, Nationwide, National & Provincial and the Norwich and Peterborough, as well as Abbey National, now classified as a bank, have reduced payments immediately for annual review customers.

A Halifax borrower with a £40,000 annual review endowment mortgage, however, will still be paying £494.51 a month gross, £62.80 higher than under the new variable payment rate.

Societies admit they are coming under pressure from some annual review customers. The Abbey, the second-largest mortgage lender, is capitalising on this, running a second series of advertisement in the national press that reads: "Why wait until next year? Reduce your mortgage payments now with the Abbey National".

John Berry, marketing director at the Abbey said the first series of advertisements three weeks ago had brought in "tens of millions of pounds of business".

He added: "We pushed our rate down by 1 per cent last time, our biggest reduction in one go for the last four years and we are keen to build on that."

Nationwide's 400,000 annual review customers will pay between 11.95 per cent and 12.95 per cent from June 1. N&P will cut payments for its 320,000 customers on annual review assuming a rate of 12.95 per cent, but only if they ask. A spokeswoman described the move as a "one off".

Norwich and Peterborough will calculate payments at 12.95 per cent for customers from June 1.

Millions caught out, page 27

What the Pru giveth, it also taketh away

By GRAHAM SEARJEANT
FINANCIAL EDITOR

POLICYHOLDERS and shareholders of the Prudential, Britain's biggest life assurance group, will gain an extra benefit from the group's investment skills this year by saving £33 million in reduced contributions to the Prudential's own staff pension scheme.

A revaluation of the £2 billion fund, which operates for nearly 30,000 United Kingdom employees, revealed that when it was made a year ago there was a 28 per cent surplus.

The valuation, made by one of the Prudential's own actuaries, took the relatively conservative assumption that investment returns would be 9.5 per cent a year and assumed that pensions in payment would be raised by 4.5 per cent a year. As a result, Prudential has halved contributions to 8 per cent of earnings since December.

Most of the group's salary costs are met directly by its life fund, so more than three quarters of the savings will go to policyholders, who suffered a sharp cut in their annual bonus rates for last year. The rest will go to Prudential Corporation's profits.

The corporation will save a further £1 million a year by changing its auditor. Deloitte, the existing auditor, had a messy merger that involved the main British arm linking with Coopers & Lybrand, while overseas businesses merged with another firm. This left the Prudential with several auditors worldwide and it took the opportunity to put a single audit contract out to tender.

Price Waterhouse, the rival international accountant that won the competition, will charge about £1.4 million against 1990 total audit fees of £2.46 million. Although Coopers & Lybrand Deloitte lost some clients among British subsidiaries of American multinationals, the Prudential is the biggest British company it has lost as a client as a consequence of the merger.

Such audit tenders have become highly controversial among accountants, for fear that audit fees may be treated as a loss leader to gain more lucrative consultancy and tax business. Reliance on management contracts for fees, it is argued, may tend to undermine the independence of auditors in their reports to shareholders.

The Prudential's annual report also reveals that the pay of Mick Newmarch, its chief executive, rose from £380,000 to £544,000 last year, when the corporation's profits fell by £140 million to £244 million and part of its dividend had to be paid from reserves.

The 43 per cent increase partly reflects Mr Newmarch's promotion from the post of investment director in April 1990 as well as bonuses geared to performance in previous, more successful years. Mr Newmarch's pay is thought to have been cut to about £480,000 this year.

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FT-SE 100
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New York Dow Jones
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3-month Interbank 11 9/16-11 7/32%
3-month eligible bills: 11 5/32-11 3/32%
US: Prime Rate 8½%
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3-month Treasury Bills 5.43-5.47%*
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RETAIL PRICES

RPI: 131.4 March (1987=100)

Elf given clearance for Amoco purchases

By Our Industrial Staff

THE Monopolies and Mergers Commission has cleared the purchase by Elf Oil (GB) of 200 filling stations plus a 70 per cent share in an oil refinery, from Amoco.

The decision deals a further blow to the "Lilley doctrine" under which Peter Lilley, the trade secretary, promised an enquiry into any purchase of UK assets by a foreign state-controlled company.

In only one of five referrals, made since that announcement, has the MMC found evidence that state control would influence the commercial actions of the acquirer. Three other purchases by French state-controlled companies have also been cleared.

Elf is a subsidiary of Societe Nationale Elf Aquitaine, which is 55.6 per cent owned by the French government. The MMC said there was no evidence that the French government influenced the commercial policies of Elf, or of Total Compagnie Française de Pétroles, another French state-owned group which operates in the UK market, and whose activities also came under the MMC spotlight.

Elf would have 3 to 5 per cent of the UK petrol supply market after the purchase, the MMC found. Total would have 4 to 6 per cent. The MMC said evidence pointed to vigorous competition between the two French groups.

Royal Mail parcels to shed 550 jobs after £60m losses

By Ross Tieman
Industrial Correspondent

ROYAL Mail Parcelforce is to shed 550 administrative jobs and raise prices to retail customers by 25.9 per cent, in an effort to stem losses which last year exceeded £60 million.

The loss represents 10 per cent of the £600 million worth of parcels carried by the group. The scale of the deficiency is partly the result of a re-allocation of £60 million of revenues from stamps. However, the Post Office, chaired by Sir Bryan Nicholson, said the group had also been hit by a slowdown in the recession.

Parcelforce believes a combination of cost cutting and price rises will help it to break even this financial year. The increase in carriage rates on standard parcels is expected to add £12.5 million to revenues.

From July 1, the cost of parcels up to 1kg will rise from £2 to £2.50, a 6kg parcel will go up from £4 to £4.65 and 10-30kg parcels will rise from £6.05 to £7.80.

Parcelforce has already increased the price of its Datapost service by 9 per cent, and prices to contract customers will be raised.

However, the main thrust of the move to reduce losses will be widescale cost cutting. Job reductions, through natural wastage and voluntary redundancy, will be focussed on the Parcelforce head office at Milton Keynes, and the finance centre at Chesterfield. Around half of the jobs have already been lost. At present Parcelforce has 12,500 employees. The number of sorting centres is likely to be cut from 18 to 12 "in the long term."

The shift in revenue allocation, to Royal Mail Letters, was decided after the introduction of a new sampling system which showed letters had been subsidising parcels.

Letter income, which totals £4 billion a year, will rise by around 1.5 per cent. A Royal Mail spokesman said letter prices would remain unchanged for at least the next three months. "It is too early to say exactly when letter prices will be increased, and by how much," he said.



Sir Bryan Nicholson: parcel post charges to be increased

Builders' cash calls find mixed fortunes

By Matthew Bond

TWO housebuilders, among the first building companies to raise money through rights issues this spring, have met with varying success.

At Bellway, the Tyneside housebuilder, just over half the 11.6 million new shares on offer through its £25 million issue were taken up by shareholders. The balance of 47.3 per cent, was yesterday placed in the market by Charterhouse Bank, underwriter to the issue, and Wise Speke. Bellway shares jumped 11p to 228p, as the rump of the 5 for 11 issue was placed at a premium to the 220p issue price.

By contrast Berkeley Group, a specialist in the Southeast, saw 99 per cent of its £44.2 million issue taken up. The tiny rump of shares was placed at 318p, a significant premium to the 255p issue price and the ex-rights price.

Both Bellway and Berkeley had cited land-buying opportunities as an important reason for launching their respective issues.

☐ More than half the shares available under F&C Eurotrust's £18.7 million rights issue have been left with the sub-underwriters of the one-for-four issue. The rights was underwritten by Cazenove, broker to the investment trust. Acceptances were received for 48.6 per cent of the 6 million shares being issued.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Prospect plans to buy Dunn International

PROSPECT Industries, the specialist engineering company, plans to acquire Dunn International, which provides specialist engineering services principally to the electricity generating industry, for £14.3 million in cash and shares. To help fund the initial consideration of £11.3 million (£1 million in shares and £10.3 million in cash), Prospect plans to raise £7.16 million, before expenses, by way of a placing of 59.7 million ordinary shares at 12p a share.

Dunn made a pre-tax profit of £2.3 million in the year to March 1990, on turnover of £27 million and net assets of £1.8 million. It achieved pre-tax profits of £3.7 million in the nine months to December 1990, on turnover of £32.9 million and net assets of £2.5 million. Due to the size of the acquisition, dealings in Prospect's ordinary shares were suspended at 9¾p. Dealings should recommence on May 30.

Scottish TV lifts dividend

SCOTTISH Television, the independent TV company, increased pre-tax profits to £11.23 million (£11.11 million) in 1990, despite a 68 per cent increase in the exchequer levy on advertising revenue and programme sales, to £6.8 million. Earnings were 62p a share (61p). A final dividend of 23p (20p) makes 28.75p (25p) for the year. Tempus, page 24

Loss deepens at Upton

TAXABLE losses at Upton & Southern Holdings, the Middlesbrough department store operator and property group, deepened from £800,000 to £1.43 million in the year to January 26, on turnover down from £12.5 million to £11.5 million. The fully diluted loss per share surged from 6p to 15.76p. Once again, there is no dividend.

PWS ahead to £3m

PWS Holdings, the Lloyd's reinsurance broker, raised pre-tax profits from £2.7 million to £3.1 million in the six months to March 31, lifting earnings from 10.1p to 10.7p a share and allowing an interim dividend of 1.5p (1.3p).

The result was inflated by £198,000 because of the decision to write off goodwill against reserves. The latter has also effectively increased profits for the previous full year by £364,000. PWS usually makes a small loss in the second half. Lord Pearson of Rannoch, the chairman, believes the current year will be no exception. Tempus, page 24

Harding axes final payout

HARDING Group, the USM distributor of electrical and electronic products, has axed its final dividend after suffering a pre-tax loss of £1.11 million in the year to end-December (£821,000 profit). Turnover was £25.6 million (£28.4 million). Loss per share is 3.84p (3.64p earnings). There is no final dividend (1.65p), making 1.1p (2.75p) for the year.

Delyn holds its dividend

DELYN, the packaging group, has maintained its annual dividend at 1.45p per share for the third year running, with a final payment of 1p. Earnings fell to 4.47p (5.01p) per share, despite a small increase in taxable profits to £614,000 (£610,000). British earnings rose to £810,000 (£595,600), but Plastella, a French subsidiary, lost £196,000.

Next moves on bonds

NEXT, the troubled retail group that in March sold Grattan, its mail order business, to Otto Versand for £165 million, will use some of the money to buy in its 6¾ per cent bonds early. The bonds, due to be converted in 2002, are worth £43.25 million, but Next has not set a price at which it is prepared to redeem them early. It has, however, asked SG Warburg to seek expressions of interest from holders of the bonds.

Next indicated last month that it was looking to buy back its 5¾ per cent convertible bonds due in 2003. The company has £76.8 million outstanding nominal of these bonds.

London Traded Options have been held out owing to pressure on space.

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:		Reuters	774½p (–18p)
Bellway	229p (+12p)	CE Heath	498p (–10p)
Hartstone	205½p (+11p)	Savoy Hotels 'A'	780p (–10p)
Morgan Crucible	237½p (+9p)	Bass	971p (–11p)
Wellcome	591½p (+10p)	SA Breweries	807½p (–67p)
Scott TV	644½p (+10p)	Barlow Rand	735p (–15p)
Usher Walker	241p (+25p)	MEPC	517½p (–11p)
FALLS:		Land Sec	510p (–9p)
Allied Colloids	139½p (–19p)	Hammerson 'A'	629p (–9p)
Lec Refrigeration	305p (–10p)	Blenheim Group	810p (–10p)
GKN	352½p (–8p)	Closing Prices...Page 25	
Nat West	330p (–10p)		

FT-SE 100 VOLUMES

	Vol '000		Vol '000		Vol '000		Vol '000
Abbey Nat	3,517	CU	412	Lucas	4,159	Royal Ins	1,280
Allid-Lyons	2,493	Courtaulds	348	M&S	1,787	Salisbury	589
Anglian	1,813	Enterprise	602	Maxwell Cm	285	Scot & N	222
ASDA	724	Eurotunnel	409	MEPC	777	Sears	2,283
AB Foods	3	Fisons	749	Midland	820	Severn Trst	1,357
Argyll	821	Gen Acc	252	Natl Power	3,049	Shell	1,380
BAA	779	GEC	4,787	Nat West	6,366	Smith & N	1,084
BET	514	Glaxo	1,649	N W Water	5,242	SK Beech	408
BTR	1,276	Grand Met	1,624	P&O	168	Sun Alnce	1,078
BAT	599	GUS 'A'	548	Pearson	372	Tesmec	495
Barclays	1,991	GRE	355	Pilkington	2,209	Tate Lyle	783
Bass	342	Guinness	226	PowerGen	1,916	TSB	1,012
BICC	756	Hamm 'A'	n/a	Prudential	2,185	Tesco	2,324
Bk Scotind	226	Hanson	6,742	Racal	1,361	Thames Wtr	944
Blue Circle	1,497	H & C	1,545	Rk Hovis	529	Thorn EMI	639
BOC	639	Hawker	370	Rank	1,563	Trafalgar	895
Boots	324	Hillsdown	682	R&C	37	THF	1,282
Br Aero	729	ICI	952	Redland	208	Ultramar	375
Br Airways	2,068	Kingfisher	276	Reed	263	Unilever	358
Br Gas	6,356	Lasmo	833	Reuters	1,585	United Bis	1,216
Br Petrol	5,058	Ladbroke	2,248	RMC Gp	79	Wellcome	2,898
Br Steel	3,152	Land Sec	1,364	RTZ	940	Whitbrd	387
Br Telecm	448	L&G	690	R-Royce	714	Wgn Teaps	1,302
C&W	482	Lloyds	3,709	Rothmn 'B'	77	Williams	1,221
Cadbury	1,135	Lonrho	598	Royal Bank	2,281	Wills Cor	187

MAJOR INDICES

New York:		Paris: CAC	486.01 (+5.31)
Dow Jones	2933.66 (–4.95)*	Zurich: SKA Gen	551.4 (–1.1)
S&P Composite	379.88 (–0.64)*		
Tokyo:		London:	
Nikkei Average	Closed	FT.—A All-Share	1217.76 (–3.17)
Hong Kong:		FT.—"500"	1345.25 (–2.73)
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FT-SE Euro 100	1129.77 (+1.45)	FT. Fixed interest	94.30 (+0.10)
Amsterdam:		FT. Govt Secs	84.88 (–0.17)
CBS Tendency	95.4 (–0.8)	Bargains	25292
Sydney: AO	1517.8 (–2.1)	SEAQ Volume	452.7m
Frankfurt: DAX	1631.84 (+1.80)	USM (Datastream)	136.11 (+0.22)
Brussels:			
General	5758.67 (–18.98)	*Denotes latest trading price	

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
April 22	May 3	July 25	August 6

Call options were taken out on: 3/5/91 ADT, Brent Walker, Control Secs, Collins, Doctus, Midland & Scottish, Oliver Res, Wellman.
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THE SUNDAY TIMES

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Business — The Sunday Times tomorrow

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The David who slew City's ailing Goliath

BUSINESS PROFILE
By Gillian Bowditch

David Smith

The odds were against the man behind one of Britain's most audacious takeover bids

How does a little-known accountant manage to sweet-talk a syndicate of Britain's most powerful bankers into providing £2.5 billion to buy the country's 24th largest company?

David Smith is not exactly sure. But two years ago, at the age of 44, he managed it when he launched a hostile takeover bid for Dee Corporation, the group that owned Gateway supermarkets.

The audacity required to pull off such a stunt is rare. But the self-effacing Smith then went on to win the battle and is now sitting atop an empire, which in addition to 700 supermarkets also owns Hermans, the largest sporting goods retailer in America.

The odds were stacked against him from the start. Smith had spent 20 years with Arthur Young, the accountancy firm, before forsaking the security of a regular income and embracing the less civilised world of the leveraged buyout.

This kind of deal is on the wilder, more risky shores of corporate finance. Typically, a new company with little or no assets borrows heavily to make a takeover and then sells much of what it has bought to pay back the original loans. Lots of things can go wrong.

Smith was a complete unknown with no real track record in such buyouts. He had no great personal fortune, nor support systems that might have soothed the worries of those he was approaching for hundreds of millions of pounds. The bid was put together with Liz Hignell, his colleague, at a round table in a borrowed office.

Smith's outward demeanour would have given no clues to his likely success in the venture. He is no Svengali. He has the level of charisma one would normally associate with the archetypal accountant, and is not particularly articulate. Long, muddled sentences bump into one and other when he speaks. He sometimes appears shy.

Yet there is a winsomeness about him. He would have you believe that he would be just as happy sorting out the financial problems of a small family firm as managing the heavy debt burden of Isosceles, the holding company that owns Gateway.

Like a Miss World contestant, he repeats at regular intervals that what he likes doing is "helping people". As a management consultant he would not consider taking on clients that he did not like.

His parents, who live close to his home town of Brechin, Tayside, are bemused by their son's success. So is the business community. So is Smith.

"The thing was so unlikely," he says. "It was a venture which had no substance in a conventional sense. We were just two people who had no retail experience. We could not prove that we were the right people to do this sort of thing.

"Then there was just the sheer size of it. Who would lend that sort of money? It was an enormous sum, it still is. It was a victory for resilience, if nothing else."

It was a victory, in fact, for extreme hard work, bloody-mindedness and the vaulting ambition which, his associates say, Smith hides under a layer of charm. Add to this combination a certain wizardry with numbers and a dash of ruthlessness and Smith's achievements are more understandable.

David Sugden, chief executive of Geest, the food group, and a colleague of Smith's at Arthur Young, says: "He's extremely bright, very shrewd, quite determined and hugely charming. It's a powerful combination."

The Gateway bid was not plucked by Smith from mid-air. In 1987 he was part of the team that advised Barker & Dobson on its unsuccessful bid for Dee and he knew exactly what was wrong with the ailing Gateway supermarket chain.

"We knew that Gateway was performing badly and would continue to perform badly," Smith says. "Although the market didn't quite recognise that at the time of the B&D bid, it did in retrospect. The subject of Gateway kept recurring and we kept a close eye on it. What happened was just as we had predicted."

In addition to working on the B&D bid for Gateway, Smith also looked at a possible bid by B&D for Fine Fare and another by WM Low, the Scottish supermarket group, for Safeway. These came to nothing. Gateway acquired Fine Fare and Argyll bought Safeway, but it gave him an excellent introduction to the economics of food retailing. "We went through a long period of convincing the banks and financiers to back us. To a certain extent it would not have mattered who we were, we would have to have worked just as hard. The process of convincing them made them much more comfortable with us," he says. "Eventually the thing took on a life of its own."

'There was the sheer size of it. Who would lend that sort of money? It was a victory for resilience, if nothing else'

The audacious accountant was not relying solely on the power of his arguments. He teamed up with SG Warburg, one of the most powerful merchant banks in the City.

"I doubt there has been a more profitable deal on lending for any of the banks involved."

Smith's timing was perfect. Investors were becoming increasingly frustrated with the Gateway management and were ready to cash in their shares.

Robin Binks, Warburg's director who led the bid and who is now chief executive at Cannon Street Investments, says: "We put together a credible overall package. There was the standing of some of the equity backers, the fact that Warburg was involved, and we brought in a respected chairman in the form of Ernest Sharp.

"Then there was the nature of Gateway which, as a food retailer, was a stable business with strong profits. To a certain extent we were seen as the only solution to an intractable problem." The team agonised over the relative anonymity of Smith but, he says, Smith's ability soon manifested itself.

"He has palpable honesty, clarity of vision, strong determination and, in a curious way, strong leadership qualities. He is able to carry people with him."

Smith finds it difficult to explain why he decided to take on such a big task, but concedes that it was exciting.

"There's always the thrill of the chase. We worked the whole weekend before the bid. There were 100 bankers sleeping on the floor at Warburgs."

Since winning, it has not all been plain sailing. Gateway was seen as the weakest of the big five supermarket groups, a perception Smith would not contest.

"Gateway had a terrible reputation. You can't change that quickly and you'd be kidding yourself if you pretended you could. The self-esteem of the average Gateway employee was dreadful. You've got to ensure people feel good about themselves before you can change things for the customer... it's all those feely, gropey words." Some of Smith's pre-bid plans have floundered.

The sale of the Scottish stores to WM Low did not go ahead and Hermans, the American business, has not been sold. The inability to do these deals meant that a £230 million refinancing package was needed at Christmas.

The prospectus detailing the refinancing gave a warning that the value of the new units being offered to shareholders would be "very sensitive" to future trading profits. The group still has about £1.2 billion of debt and a flotation on the Stock Exchange looks to be at least three years away.

Nevertheless, Smith is pleased with what has been achieved at Gateway, where costs have been tightly controlled and margins improved. About 800 jobs have been cut at head office and 3,000 to 4,000 in the stores. The first full year of his reign has just ended and he says the City will be pleased with the figures.

In spite of the size of Isosceles' debt burden, Smith is not given to sleepless nights. He jokes that this is because he is working so hard he does not go to bed.

Work does, indeed, seem to dominate his life. He is in his Victoria office at 7.30am each morning and will leave any time after 8.00pm. Weekends are spent visiting stores and sites or attending Hermans' board meetings. Ask what he does for fun and he reacts as if it is an unknown concept.

"Fun? I don't have any time to do anything. This is a full time job."

He concedes that this approach to work is not entirely healthy. "It's unhealthy for other folk. There's a group of people here who essentially work the same hours as I do and they may have different pressures and requirements; children of different ages, for example."

His own children, Luisa, aged 14, and David, aged 16, are clearly important to him. David boards at Westminster School and Luisa, who attends St Paul's, lives with her mother. Smith and his wife divorced about the time of the Gateway bid after 14 years.

"I don't get to spend as much time with my children as I would like," he says. "They are growing up and in many ways it's important for them to have different things."

David is into sailing and scuba diving, and recently did his first parachute jump. Luisa is mad about horses. "At the end of the day, all of these things will be much better for them than spending time with me," he says.

Smith speaks to his daughter twice a day and once a week she will drag him to Ed's Diner, the hamburger restaurant chain. "Ed's Diner is my kind of place," he says. "It has Sixties' music and enormous milk shakes. That's comfortably me."

As for the break-up of his marriage, he says it is partly due to pressure of work. "You can dream up all kinds of reasons. Work's an excuse. It's about choosing priorities and you don't always choose consciously. If you did I think you would do things differently. You are unconsciously choosing to be immersed in work and that inevitably is going to produce pressure."

He does not think he will remarry. "I don't think anyone could put up with me. I'm never there."

This propensity for work is not a recent phenomenon. He worked just as hard during his 20 years at Arthur Young, where he was quickly singled out as partnership material.

"It's selfish to work so much. You do it because you get something out of it. It's time you're not giving to someone else."

His pleasures are of an unconventional nature. He does not socialise much and hardly at all with the business community. "I'm not part of the establishment," he says.

Football is something that has always interested him. He played as a boy. He says it helps him put things into perspective.

"You can kid yourself that what you're doing is of world importance but there are more important things in life. Brechin City might be relegated this year."

Money has never been a motivating factor, although the Isosceles deal has made him wealthy. As well as his £337,500 annual salary, he received a £250,000 bonus at the time of the refinancing. He owns no shares in Isosceles directly, but trusts with which he and Miss Hignell are associated cashed in £1.56 million of shares at Christmas.

"I don't really spend money. I don't have any valuable possessions that I'm accumulating." Work provides him with a BMW. "I wouldn't spend money on cars."

He lives a seven minute walk from work and rents a house in Hampshire where his daughter keeps her horses. He visits it about once a month, and when there he is likely to do nothing. His holidays are also modest. Last year he took his children to Ireland.

He has lived in London for more than 20 years and visits America frequently. He still thinks of Brechin as home, however. His father was a farm worker outside the town, and as an only child, he enjoyed the freedom of farm life.

When Smith was ten the family moved into Brechin and he went to the local school before studying geography at Glasgow university.

"My father is quiet, thoughtful and observant. My mother is more of an action-type person. Folk that know me would probably say I was more like my father."

Smith fell into accountancy by accident, but his skills are suited to his former career, although he never saw himself as an audit partner. He progressed from the firm's Glasgow office to heading the consultancy division of Arthur Young in London, but left in 1986 in search of greater job satisfaction. A spell as a management consultant came to an end with the Gateway bid.

He is unlikely to stay with the group after it is floated on the stock market, his friends say. He would, however, find it impossible to retire. Assuming everything goes to plan, he is most likely to repeat the Isosceles exercise with another ailing company. He says he does not know what the future holds and does not think about it much.

"I still, in part, think of myself as a geographer. Wherever I am the first thing I do is find a map. I like to be able to relate to where I am. People laugh at me but I can't really understand folk who don't know where they are, where they're going or how to get there."

STEPHEN MARKESON



Giant killer: David Smith was an unknown accountant until he helped launch Isosceles' bid for Gateway

Genscher seeks foreign money for east Germany

GERMANY has appealed to foreign companies to invest in its economically blighted eastern regions, promising them equal entitlement to government subsidies.

But industrialists and diplomats say foreign firms are deterred by the area's poor infrastructure, rising labour costs, uncertain property rights, problems in getting information from the *Treuhand* privatisation agency and a perceived pro-German bias.

Hans-Dietrich Genscher, the foreign minister, speaking in Schwerin yesterday, told a seminar of German economic attachés serving in the main industrialised countries that only 5 per cent of all investment in the former communist economy so far had come from abroad. He added: "Investment conditions in Germany have never before been so attractive for investors from all over the world."

An investor placing DM100 million in eastern Germany, Herr Genscher said, would receive state support of up to DM57.3 million in the form of grants and subsidies.

Seeking to counter criticism of the *Treuhand* agency, which controls eastern Germany's 45,000 businesses, Herr Genscher said: "The new federal states are not a closed shop for west German investors. On the contrary, we explicitly invite foreign investors to come here."



Genscher: grants on offer

Newcomers would gain a foothold in the European Community's giant post-1992 internal market, as well as access to "markets of tomorrow" in eastern Europe and the Soviet Union.

Herr Genscher said that to attract investors, the government would have to write off the debts of former communist enterprises more generously and handle most environmental liabilities.

The state concerns have a total debt of DM105 billion. Bonn has ruled out across-the-board debt relief but promised to review individual cases.

The Schwerin conference, held in the east's most depressed region, was part of an offensive to draw foreign capital, amid signs that west German manufacturers, apart from the motor industry, are holding back from major investments in the east.

☐ An independent commission into German economic deregulation has recommended sweeping changes in labour laws to weaken collective bargaining and increase competition. In its final report, the commission said rules governing Germany's system of collective wage agreements between employers, unions and workers should be relaxed.

The report also recommended that more individual employee wage deals should be allowed, and that employers should be able to hire long-term unemployed on less favourable terms than those set down in fixed wage agreements.

Panfida settles for £17m

By Our City Staff

PANFIDA Group, the loss-making Australian retailer, is to receive more than £17 million after settling out of court with Guinness on claims over the sale of Martins, the newsagent.

Martins Retail Group was bought from Guinness for £190 million in 1987 by a consortium headed by Panfida, which subsequently bought full control in a deal that left News International, owner of *The Times*, with a 29.9 per cent voting stake. Two years ago, MRG sued Guinness for £49 million over alleged defects in the business and its failure to meet the its profit forecast. Guinness, in turn, sued for extra payments.

Panfida says it has already been paid most of the £17.05 million, less £1.4 million withholding tax, bringing its debt below £100 million.

Guinness, which made the settlement without accepting any legal liability, said the payment consisted of a £9 million reduction in the sale price plus rolled-up interest.

For the six months to end-December, Panfida reported an almost halved pre-tax loss of £3.8 million.

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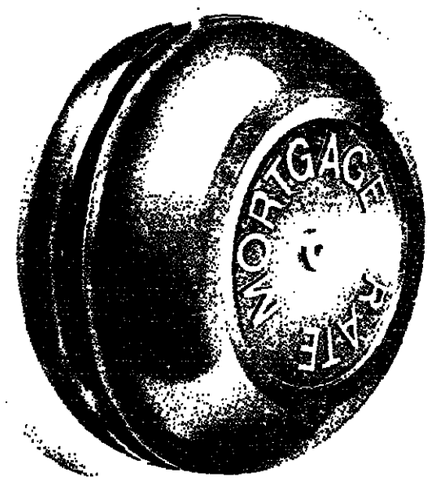
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Oceana's tender offer poses more questions than answers

AS FAR as bids go, Oceana Investment Corporation's tender offer for 18.5 per cent of the shares in Etam, which closes at 3.30pm on Tuesday, is one of the most opportunistic the City has seen for some time.

Etam has had as tough a time as other UK clothing retailers, but, unlike some, it has not run up huge debts or losses. There has been no criticism of its management.

The group recovered in the second half last year to report £8.5 million (£17.5 million) pre-tax profits. Given a £1.1 million loss in the first half, the full-year numbers were better than expected.

Depending on the take-up of the tender offer, Oceana may launch a full bid but will not to do so at more than 185p. The tender is for 18.5 per cent of Etam at prices up to 185p. Oceana already has a 6.6 per cent stake. The offer will fail if less than 3,266,505 shares are tendered.

Etam's institutional shareholders will have to examine their consciences before accepting the tender. Will Oceana run the group better than the current management? What will Etam's future be if Oceana acquires it? How much do they know about Oceana's backing and track record?

Gartmore, the fund management group, bought 1.19 per cent of Etam shares in the market last week, taking its stake to 12.33 per cent, and appears to be backing the Etam management.

The issue for small shareholder may be different. Many may not be prepared to take as long term a view as their institutional counterparts. Etam shares are trading at 177p, their highest for a year. Last August, they hit a low of 56p.

While it may be true that Oceana is attempting to buy Etam at the low point in the retail cycle, few analysts believe the recovery for the clothing sector will come quickly, and should Oceana walk away, it may be some time before Etam shares hit their current level again. The shares are trading around 17.5 times prospective earnings.



Enviable position: Gus Macdonald, of Scottish Television

Small shareholders no longer prepared to wait might consider tendering their shares at around 180p, but would probably be better off selling in the market.

Scottish Television

SCOTTISH Television must be the envy of other ITV contractors. Not only is advertising revenue holding up during the recession, but the company also has plenty of cash in the bank and demand for its programmes is rising.

STV is also likely to escape a competitive bid for its franchise when the deadline expires this month, which is ironic considering how resilient the local economy has been in recent months.

Shareholders have done well, too. During an uncertain period when investors have avoided the sector, shares in STV have climbed from 459p in September to 645p after rising another 10p yesterday.

A 15 per cent increase in the total dividend for 1990 to 28.75p a share, with a 23p final, will go some way towards ensuring continued institutional support even after present uncertainty is removed. Pre-tax profits rose from £11.11 million to £11.23 million, despite a 68 per cent increase in the exchequer levy to £6.8 million. Earnings of 62p a share compare with 61p.

Under the influence of Gus Macdonald, managing director, advertising revenue rose 2 per cent, against an industry average of nil growth, and programme sales grew from £12.91 million to £18.24 million. Interest of £3 million was earned on year-end cash deposits of £20 million.

This financial stability should ensure further growth in the current year. Lisa Gordon, of County NatWest, expects profits of £11.6 million, with earnings of 63.6p. The shares yield 4.8 per cent on the final dividend and despite their recent run should still be bought, though sellers are difficult to find.

PWS Holdings

IT MUST be reassuring for shareholders in PWS Holdings to see that the company is once more being judged on normal investment criteria. The balance sheet crisis that saw the departure of Ronnie Ben-Zur 18 months ago has been thrust well into corporate history by the success of the new management in restoring the reinsurance broker's fortunes, as was recognised by a 1990 share price performance bettered nowhere else in the stock market.

There was little fresh impetus for the share price in the interim figures for the half-year to March. This is the period when PWS pulls in the bulk of its income, but with no evidence of an improvement in insurance market conditions, and premium levels on the floor, the group could manage only a £400,000 improvement at the pre-tax level to £3.1 million.

A severe curtailing of underwriting capacity in the aviation excess of loss market troubled both Thurgood, Farmer & Hackett, handling business worldwide and continuing to perform well, and Fryer Cheasley Light, the London market broker, whose profits are down.

PWS International, the biggest division, should continue to improve in the second half and into next year, while PWS North America appears to have performed satisfactorily. And as a whole the group has succeeded in keeping its expenses below inflation.

Given the winter income bias, PWS normally loses money in the second half, and this year will be no different. Year-end profits may emerge at about £2.8 million, against £2.3 million previously, to produce earnings of around 8.3p a share. But at 95p, or 11.5 times prospective earnings, the shares are not dear.

STOCK MARKET

Fund managers look to further cut in base rates

THE Conservative party's poor showing in the local government elections failed to ruffle investors in the Square Mile.

The result had already been largely discounted by the time the first votes had been cast. Selling pressure was minimal in thin dealings which saw only 452 million shares change hands as trading positions were unwound before the bank holiday weekend. Fund managers are now pinning their hopes on a further cut of half a point in bank base rates in the next two weeks — perhaps to coincide with the next set of inflation figures.

The FT-SE 100 index traded in narrow limits for most of the day before finishing 8.0 lower to 2,522.7 as Wall Street opened with small losses. The FT 30 index lost 7.1 to 1,973.9.

Government securities took their lead from a flat American bond market. Prices at the longer end closed with losses up to £½.

Allied-Lyons lost 9p to 552p as it was confirmed that Sir Derrick Holden-Brown was stepping down as the chairman in a boardroom reshuffle. This follows the disclosure that the group had lost almost £150 million in foreign currency dealings. Tony Hales, previously in charge of the group's food operations, is promoted to chief executive.

Analysts are downgrading their profit forecasts for Allied Colloids, the specialist chemicals group, 19p lower at 140p. One broker has cut its pre-tax profit estimate by £3.5 million to £38.5 million for the year just ended and by £1 million to £41 million for the current year.

Allied's shares came within a whisker of their high for the year of 575p this week on talk that the company could soon find itself on the receiving end of a bid.

Grand Metropolitan advanced 6p to 827p on revived talk that it may be thinking about selling its Express dairy products division.

Brent Walker, the debt-ladened leisure group headed by George Walker, dipped 6p to 53p as the deadline of May 14 for its financial reconstruction draws closer. The group owes £1.4 billion to a consortium of 60 banks and it is under pressure to make disposals. There is speculation that it may sell the William Hill betting shops chain which it bought from GrandMet for £560 million two years ago.

The big four clearing banks appeared to be in disarray as investors switched from **National Westminster**, down 10p to 330p, to **Lloyds**, 8p better at 345p. Salomon Brothers, the New York securities house, has upgraded Lloyds from a hold to a buy because it believes that the outlook for the bank's underlying earnings has started to improve.

Kalon, the paint producer, slipped ½p to 57p as Leslie Silver, the chairman, decided to reduce his holding by disposing of 18.5 per cent. The 22 million shares were placed with institutions by Smith New Court at 53¼p. Mr Silver will continue to hold on to a further 28.25 per cent.

Margins improved in the first quarter and the loss of 6,500 jobs means that costs are lower. Capital expenditure reached a peak of £345 million last year and is now expected to drop to less than £250 million this year. Steven Lewis, an analyst at Salomon, also estimates that Lloyds's dividend will increase faster than that of its rivals.

Barclays ended 2p lower at 452p and **Midland** was 1p easier at 220p.

Usher-Walker, the printing inks group, jumped 25p to 241p as Ringwood Investments, which is based in the Channel Islands, emerged with a 10.19 per cent holding which it bought from Southern Newspapers.

Wellcome rose another 10p to 592p, still reflecting this week's better than expected interim profits increase.

MICHAEL CLARK

WALL STREET

New York

SHARES suffered losses in mid-morning as futures-related selling sent blue chips down. The Dow Jones industrial average was 12.62 lower at 2,925.99 by 11am. Sharply lower bond prices put added pressure on already weak shares. Dale Tills, the manager of institutional equities at Charles Schwab and Co, said: "Bonds are a drag on the market." *(Reuter)*

	May 3 midday	May 2 close
Abbott Lab	51	51¼
Aetna Life	49¼	49¾
Ahmanson	17¾	17¾
Air Prods	63½	64½
Albertsons	48¾	48¾
Alcan Al	20⅞	21⅛
Alco Stand	30¾	30¾
Allied Signal	29⅝	29¾
Alumin CA	70¾	71
Am Brands	41¾	42¼
Am Cyanamid	61½	61
Am EPC	29⅝	29⅞
Am General	39⅝	39
Am Home	89¾	89¾
Am Intl	99¾	99¾
Am Medical	10	10
Am Stores	56⅜	56
Amax	24⅝	25
Amer Hess	54⅝	54¼
Amerltech	63¾	63¾
Amoco	38	38⅛
Amoco	54¼	53¾
AMP	50¾	50¾
AMR	62⅜	63¾
Anheuser-B	53	53¾
Apple Comp	48¾	49
Archer-Dan	25⅝	25⅝
Arkla	18⅝	18⅝
Armstrong	28	28⅛
Asarco	25¾	25¾
Ashland Oil	33¾	33¾
AT&T	37⅜	37⅞
Atlan Richfld	128⅝	129⅜
Auto DP	34⅜	34½
Avery Intl	24¾	24¾
Avon Prod	45¾	45¾
Baltimore	28⅜	28¾
Banc One	39⅝	39⅝
Bankamerica	29⅝	29⅝
Bard	27½	27¾
Barnett Bl	28⅝	27¾
Bausch Lmb	67¾	67¾
Baxter Intl	35¾	36⅛
Bec Dickin	78⅝	78
Bell Atlan	48¾	48¾
Bellsouth	50¾	51¼
Blr Hughes	28⅜	29
Black Decker	12¾	12⅝
Block	25⅝	25⅝
Brlgtn The NY	50¾	51
Boeing	46⅝	45¾
Boise Casc	25⅝	25⅝
Borden	37¼	37¾
Bristl-Myer	78⅝	78⅝
Browng-For	22⅝	22⅝
Burl Nth	30¾	30¾
CAI	7¾	8⅛
Campbell Sp	52⅝	52⅝
Cap Cities/a	484	488
Capital HC	52⅝	52⅝
Carolina	47¾	47¾
Caterpillar	50¾	49¾
CBS	161¼	162⅝
Central SW	41¾	42¼
Champion	27¾	27¾
Chase Man	18⅝	18⅝
Chem Bnkg	19⅝	20⅛
Chevron	77¾	77¾
Chrysler	13¾	13¾
Chubb	66⅞	67⅜
Cigna	49¾	51¾
Citicorp	16	16
Clorox Liz	46¾	44¾
Clorox	38⅜	38
Cmwlth Edis	28⅜	28⅝
CNA Fincl	83¾	84½
Coastal	34	33¾
Coca-Cola	54¾	54⅝
Colgate-Pal	60¾	60¾
Columb Gas	39¾	39¾
Compaq	45¾	46¾
Conagra	44¾	44¾
Cons Edis	24¾	24¾
Cons NG	38⅝	39
Cons Rail	50¾	51¾
Cooper Ind	46¾	46¾
Corning	60⅝	60
CPC Intl	82⅝	83¾
Crown Cork	75¼	75¾
CSX	41¾	41½
Dana	32¾	32⅝
Dayton-Had	76	76¾
Deere	52⅜	51
Delta Air	73¾	74
Dekora	40¾	40¾
Detroit Edi	29¾	29⅝
Digital Eq	66⅝	67¼
Dillard	116¾	116¾
Disney	119	117¾
Dominion	48¾	48¼
Donnelley	47¾	47¾
Dover	40⅝	40⅝
Dow Chem	61¼	61¾
Dow Jones	28¾	28⅝
Dresser Ind	23⅝	23⅝
Du Pont	42⅝	42¾
Duke Pwr	28	28¼
Dun Bradst	47¾	47¾
East Kodak	41	41
Eaton	57¾	57¾
Emerson El	46¾	45¾
Enron	55⅝	55¼
Entergy	24¾	25
Ethyl	30¾	30¾
Exxon	58⅝	59⅛
Fed NMA	47¾	48¾
Fedrt Dpstr	39¾	39¾
Fst Nonstar	24¾	24¾
Fluor	47¾	48
FMC	44¼	44¾
Ford Motor	34¾	33¾
FPL	39¾	39⅝
Fst Chicago	25¼	25¾
Fst Intrstate	38¾	38¾
Fst Union	19⅝	20
Gannett	43¾	43¾
Gen Cinema	23	23⅜
Gen Elec	72¾	72⅝
Gen Mills	56⅝	56⅝
Gen Motors	36⅝	37¼
Gen RE	67¾	68¼
Gen Signal	46⅝	46⅝
Genentech	30¾	28¾
Genuine Pts	40¾	40¾
Georgia-Pac	47¾	47¾
Gillette	72	73⅛
Goodrich	37¾	37¾
Goodyear	21¾	21⅝
Grace	31¾	31¾
Greyhound	34¾	34¾
Gt Atlantic	45¾	45¾
Gt Western	17¾	17¾
GTE	31¾	31⅜
Halliburn	43¾	43¾
Heinz	37¾	37¾
Hercules	38	37¾
Hershey Fd	41¾	41¾
Hewlett Pkd	48¾	48
Hilton Htl	44¼	44¾
Home Depot	58¾	59¾
Homestake	14¾	14¾
Honeywell	57¾	57¾
Houston Ind	42¾	43
Howlett Intl	50¾	50¾
Humana	103¼	105¾
IBM	95	91⅞
IFIF	56⅛	56⅝
Illinois TW	34¾	34¾
Inco	47	46¾
Ingsol-Rand	20¾	20⅝
Inland Steel	28	28⅛
Intel	48	48¾
Intl Paper	83¼	83⅜
ITT	59⅝	59⅝
James River	25	25
Johnsn John	94¼	94¼
K Mart	40¾	41
Kellogg	82¾	80⅞
Kerr-McGee	43¾	43¾
Kimbly-Clrk	94¼	94¼
Knight-Ridr	55¾	55¾
Lilly	77¾	77¾
Limited	27¾	27¾
Lin Bnkstg	70¾	71¼
Lincln Nat	49⅝	50¾
Litton Ind	84¾	85⅝
Lockheed	44¾	44¾
Louis-Pac	36¾	37¾
Manu Hano	24¼	25¾
Marrios	18¾	18¾
Marsh Mclen	80¾	80¾
Martin Mar	54¾	54¾
Masco	22¾	22¾
May Dept	54¾	54¾
Maytag	15¾	14¾
McDnl Doug	47¾	47¾
McDonalds	33¾	34⅛
McGraw-Hill	80¾	80¾
MCI Com	28¾	28¾
Mead	33¾	33⅝
Medtronic	116¾	113¾
Mellon Bk	29⅝	29⅝
Melville	48¾	49¾
Merck	113¾	112⅝
Merll Lynch	39¾	40¼
MMM	86¾	86¾
Mobil	59	57¾
Monsanto	61¾	62
Moore	25¾	25¾
Morgan	53¾	52¾
Motorola	62¾	63¾
Nat Medical	47¾	47¾
Nat Semi	7¾	7¾
Nat Service	24½	24¾
Navistar	3¾	3¾
NCNB	36¾	37¾
NCR	103¾	103¾
NED Bcop	39	38¾
Newmt Min	39¾	39⅝
Nlagr Mnwk	14¾	14¾
Nike	48¾	48¾
NL Indstrs	12¾	13¾
Nordstrm	38¾	38¾
Norflk Sthn	46¾	46¾
Norwest	27¾	28¾
Nthn St Pwr	34¾	34¾
Nthn Telcm	35¾	35¾
NY Times	22¾	22¾
Nynex	72¾	72¾
Ogdn Petrl	18¾	18¾
Ohio Ed	19¾	19¾
Oracle Sys	9¾	9¾
Orlyx Energy	36¾	36¾
Pac Ent	34	34¾
Pac Gas Elec	25¾	25¾
Pac Telesis	42	41¾
Pacccar	43¾	43¾
Pacificrop	21¾	21¾
Pall	39¾	39¾
Panamount	38	38¾
Parker-Hanfn	28	28
Penney	60¾	59¾
Pennzoil	72	71¾
Pepsico	31¾	33¾
Pfizer	57¾	32¾
Phillips Pet	27	27¾
Philips Elec	20¾	20⅜
Phip Morris	68⅝	68⅝
Phips Dodge	65	65¾
Pitney Bowr	57¾	57¾
Plan Dsnse	13¾	13¾
PNC Fncl	36¾	36¾
Prdntl Estn	12¾	12
Polaroid	28	28¾
PPG Inds	47¾	48¾
Proctr Gmble	82¾	82¾
Price	32¾	32¾
Primerica	30	30¾
Pub Service	27¾	27¾
Quaker Oats	58	57¾
Ralston Pur	31¾	31¾
Raychem	25¾	25¾
Raytheon	81¾	81¾
Reebok	20	20
Reliablny	51	50¾
Rockwell	28¾	28¾
Rohm Haas	57¾	57¾
Royal Dutch	65¾	65¾
Rubbermald	69¾	69¾
Ryrdss Mil	51¾	52
Safeco	39¾	39¾
Salomon	33¾	33¾
Sant Fe Pac	8¾	8¾
Sara Lee	30	29¾
Schlmbrg	49¾	49¾
Schocorp	34¾	34¾
Schrmbrgr	49¾	49¾
Sctchp-Pgh	45¾	45¾
Scott Paper	65	65¾
Seagram	97¾	97¾
Sears Rbk	32¾	32¾
Searfy Pac	28	28
Sherwin-Wllms	33¾	33
Skyline	17¾	17¾
Smkp-on Tls	30¾	30¾
Southern	27¾	27¾
St Paul	68	68
Stanley Wk	36¾	36¾
Stone Cntr	17¾	17¾
Sun Co	31¾	31¾
Suntst Bk	28¾	29
Super Valu	28¾	28¾
SW Bell	53	53¾
Synaxs	42¾	43¾
Sysco	39¾	40¾
Tandem	15¾	15¾
Tandy	32¾	32¾
Tele-Comm	15¾	16
Telephone	18¾	18¾
Temple-In	41¾	41¾
Tenneco	43¾	43¾
Texaco	87¾	88¾
Texas Inst	38¾	39¾
Texas Utd	37¾	37¾
Textron	32¾	32¾
Thos Wmr	114¾	115¾
Thomas Mtr	29¾	30
Tmken	34¾	34¾
Tonchmark	53¾	53¾
Toys R Us	29¾	29
Transamr	33¾	34¾
Travelers	24	24¾
TriCone	45¾	45¾
TRW	40¾	40¾
Tyco Lab	45¾	45¾
UAL	155¾	157¾
Un Camp	43¾	44
Un Carbide	18¾	18¾
Un Pacific	81¾	80¾
Unilever	82	82¾
Unisys	4¾	4¾
Unocal	28¾	28¾
Upjohn	44	43¾
US West	37¾	37¾
Usair Gp	18¾	18¾
USF&G	11¾	11¾
US Life	40	39¾
UST	44¾	44¾
USX	31¾	32
Utd Tech	45¼	45¾
Utd Telcm	28	28
VF	28¾	28¾
Wal-Mart	41¾	41¾
Waste Mgmt	40¾	40¾
Wells Fargo	68¾	68
Weing Ebrc	27¾	27¾
Wesphar	28¾	28¾
Whirlpool	32	32
Whitman	13¾	13¾
Wlon-Dixie	37¾	37
Woolworth	31¾	31¾
Wrigley	63	62¾
Wtzer-Lamb	73¾	73¾
Xerox	57	57¾

UNIT LINKED INSURANCE INVESTMENTS

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
AETNA LIFE INSURANCE				
401, St John Street, London EC1V 4QE				
071-837 8464				
Life Funds				
Squirrel	15.04	15.84	+0.05	::
Bear	15.15	15.95	+0.12	::
Owl	15.77	16.60	+0.12	::
Bull	14.49	15.26	+0.08	::
Stag	14.99	15.86	+0.10	::
Gilt Edged	10.92		+0.01	::
Deposit	13.41		+0.09	::
Pensions				
Squirrel	16.02	29.08	+0.07	::
Bear	19.14	20.15	+0.19	::
Owl	20.12	21.18	+0.19	::
Bull	17.53	18.55	+0.12	::
Stag	17.46	18.32	+0.15	::
Gilt Edged	18.14		+0.05	::
Deposit	13.41		+0.11	::
Exempt App Mixed	187.8	191.6	-0.11	::
ABBEY LIFE				
80, Hellenbrowt Rd, Bournemouth BH8 8AL				
0202 292273				
Property Fund Inc	268.0	283.2	..	::
Do Accum	437.1	469.2	..	::
Equity Fund Income	193.5	204.5	+1.6	::
Do Accum	190.0	200.5	+1.9	::
Selective Fund	351.0	360.1	+1.8	::
Money Fund	307.5	323.7	+0.6	::
Prop Fd Ser 4	330.8	348.1	+0.8	::
Equity Ser 4	182.2	170.8	+2.6	::
Man Ser 4	473.5	498.5	+3.5	::
Conv Ser 4	272.4	286.8	+0.5	::
Money Ser 4	272.2	286.5	+0.5	::
Fixed Int Fd Ser 4	255.1	268.6	..	::
American Ser 4	340.4	358.4	+2.5	::
High Inc Ser 4	498.4	525.7	+4.1	::
Indexed Inv Ser 4	168.5	184.8	+1.2	::
Japan Ser 4	306.7	322.9	+1.8	::
ALBANY LIFE				
3, Dentons Lane, Potters Bar				
0707 49911				
Equity Fd Acc	211.56	12.19	+0.07	::
European Fd Accum	262.8	269.1	-1.6	::
Fixed Int Acc	366.3	408.7	+0.4	::
Gld Money Fd Acc	278.1	292.5	-0.5	::
Intl Man Fd Acc	419.0	441.0	-2.0	::
Int Fxd Int Fd Acc	222.1	244.3	-1.3	::
Japan Fund	265.6	302.8	+1.7	::
Nth American Fd Acc	282.9	296.1	-7.4	::
Prop Fd Acc	331.8	349.2	+0.2	::
Multiple Inv Acc	786.7	807.1	+1.1	::
ALLIED DUNBAR ASSURANCE				
Swindon SN1 1EL				
0793-514514				
Fixed Int Dep Accum	311.7	328.2	+0.4	::
Equity Accum	982.1	1044.4	-3.6	::
Property Accum	504.1	530.7	-0.2	::
Far East Accum	207.8	218.8	-1.5	::
Managed Capital	416.7	438.7	-1.7	::
Do Accum	776.6	818.0	+0.8	::
Overseas Accum	668.7	719.7	+0.8	::
Gilt Edged Accum	328.6	346.0	..	::
Amer Equity Accum	328.6	346.0	-16.5	::
Amer Man Accum	238.1	245.4	-7.1	::
Amer Prop Accum	125.3	131.9	-5.9	::
ASTRUST (MANAGEMENT) LTD				
19 Queens Terrad Aberdeen AB9 1QJ				
Freephone 0800 833 560				
International	211.4	222.5	-1.72	::
High Income	169.2	178.2	..	::
Income & Growth	295.7	311.2	-1.14	::
Basic Resource	139.9	135.9	-0.88	::
American	199.5	209.7	-0.52	::
Japan & General	421.8	443.1	+1.26	::
Special Situations	242.0	254.6	-0.78	::
BARCLAYS LIFE				
252, Romford Rd, London E7 9JS				
081-534 5544				
Equity Accum	617.3	648.8	+2.5	::
Do Initial	488.7	483.9	-9.5	::
Gilt Edged Accum	288.8	288.7	-0.2	::
Do Initial	283.1	273.8	-0.8	::
International Accum	288.8	304.6	-1.7	::
Do Initial	214.5	223.9	+0.6	::
Managed Accum	288.1	303.5	+0.4	::
Do Initial	288.6	288.6	+0.3	::
Money Accum	243.2	256.1	+0.3	::
Do Initial	177.8	187.6	+0.1	::
Property Accum	271.9	286.5	+0.1	::
Do Initial	202.6	213.3	..	::
Asterias Accum	188.3	198.3	+0.1	::
Do Initial	143.8	151.4	+0.1	::
Australia Accum	153.3	161.4	+0.5	::
Do Initial	117.3	123.6	+0.5	::
Financial Accum	238.6	251.2	+2.7	::
Do Initial	182.2	191.8	+2.0	::
500 Accum	313.9	330.5	+0.5	::
Do Initial	238.4	248.9	+0.5	::
Japan &Gen Acc 2	358.5	356.4	+0.6	::
Do Initial 2	263.3	268.7	+0.4	::
Income Accum	354.8	404.9	+3.4	::
Do Initial	268.5	307.9	+2.7	::
Leisure Accum	188.8	197.2	+1.1	::
Special Sits Accum	163.5	181.9	+1.1	::
Unit Tech Accum	106.1	113.6	+0.1	::
Do Initial	84.5	89.0	+0.1	::
BLACK HORSE LIFE				
Westerham House Clarkson Kent BR4 4JF				
0634 834000				
The Managed Fund	589.07		+2.12	::
Income Fund	588.0	619.5	-2.97	::
Extra Income Fund	538.3	563.8	-11.86	::
Worldwide Growth Fd	382.8	391.7	-8.77	::
Balanced Fund	497.3	523.4	+1.77	::
Smlr Co's & Rc Fd	488.8	514.5	+15.77	::
Inv Technology Fund	351.1	369.6	-10.61	::
N Amer & Gen Fund	279.9	294.6	+1.66	::
Energy Int Fund	139.6	135.4	+1.68	::
Pacific Basin Fund	169.5	178.5	+3.15	::
German Growth Fd	169.8	178.8	-0.59	::
Japan Growth Fd	162.4	171.0	-0.68	::
The UK Gth Fd	161.8	170.3	-1.55	::
Const Euro Gth	87.35	91.92	+1.31	::
Property Fund	318.4	335.7	+1.31	::
Fixed Interest Fund	331.8	344.0	-0.58	::
Cash Fund	338.0	350.6	+1.12	::
Managed Inv Fund	161.1	169.1	-0.51	::
Nth Amer Recov	161.4	169.9	-3.29	::
Abbrust Fund				
Managed Growth	310.9	327.3	-3.29	::
CANADA LIFE				
2-6, High St, Potters Bar, Herts				
P Bar 51122				
Equity Growth	236.4		+0.6	::
Managed	238.2	250.8	+1.0	::
Property	178.5	188.0	+0.4	::
Gilt & Fixed Int	171.8	180.9	+0.5	::
Index-Linked	149.9	157.9	+0.6	::
Equity	263.7	277.6	+0.8	::
Cash	184.9	194.7	+0.6	::
Can Life Euro Mg Fd	248.0	261.1	-0.5	::
Can Life Int Fd	264.4	287.9	-1.8	::
CANNON ASSURANCE				
1 Olympic Way, Wembley, Middx HA9 0NB				
081-902 8876				
Capital Gth Acc	98.1	101.7	-0.7	::
Equity Units	194.75		+0.93	::
Property Units	127.78		+0.04	::
Bal Bd Exec Unit	248.25	51.08	-0.17	::
2nd Equity Accum	483.0	511.1	+4.1	::
2nd High Int/Accum	476.8	504.8	+2.7	::
2nd Property Accum	255.3	270.2	-0.5	::
2nd Managed 2 Acc	138.2	146.3	-0.3	::
2nd Managed Acc	368.6	368.4	-1.8	::
2nd Managed 2 Acc	181.3	189.8	-0.9	::
2nd Gilt Accum	237.4	251.2	+0.4	::
2nd GBI Accum	229.3	239.1	+0.7	::
2nd Amer Accum	370.1	391.9	+1.7	::
2nd Intl Money Ac	201.5	213.1	+0.1	::
2nd Index Accum	144.0	152.4	+0.5	::
2nd Far East Accum	322.5	341.1	+0.5	::
2nd Global Accum	107.8	113.9	+0.5	::
2nd Euro Accum	122.0	129.1	+0.6	::
2nd Japan Accum	182.4	193.0	+1.4	::
2nd Heritage Acc	71.8	75.9	-0.1	::
2nd Ind Curr Bond	111.1	117.5	-0.4	::
CITY OF WESTMINSTER ASSURANCE				
Bentry House, 500, Avebury Blvd,				
Civil Milton Keynes MK9 2LA				
0908-606101				
Property Fund	207.2	218.1	..	::
Money Fund	314.8	331.1	+0.2	::
Managed Fund	453.7	477.8	+1.4	::
Equity Fund	264.0	287.4	+2.0	::
Fixed Interest Fund	175.0	184.2	..	::
Far East Fund	367.3	407.7	..	::
Nth Amer Fund	111.7	117.6	..	::
Nat Resources Fund	238.0	248.5	..	::
CLERICAL MEDICAL/FIDELITY INTERNATIONAL				
Narrow Plain, Bristol BS2 0JH				
0272 290566				
Assurance Funds				
Sapphire Mixed	210.4	221.5	+1.4	::
Ruby	114.7	120.8	+0.5	::
Emerald	112.9	117.9	+0.5	::
Equity	246.8	259.8	+1.1	::
Property	182.9	192.5	..	::
Gilt & Fixed Int	161.3	169.3	+0.7	::
Indexed Secs	130.8	137.1	+0.7	::
Cash	155.5	163.7	+0.7	::
Nth American	147.8	155.4	-0.7	::
Far East	208.9	219.9	+1.7	::
International	210.8	221.7	+0.5	::
Spcialist Sits	218.5	227.9	+0.5	::
American Inc	129.5	136.2	+0.6	::
European	222.9	234.4	+0.5	::
Japanese	136.2	137.1	+1.4	::
SE Asia	167.0	196.9	-1.5	::
Home Inv WP Reg	123.2	129.7	+0.1	::
Home Inv WP Spec	123.2	129.7	+0.1	::
Flexible Retirement Plans Funds				
Mixed	215.3	226.7	+1.7	::
Equity	261.4	275.2	+0.6	::
Property	155.9	164.0	+0.2	::

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Portfolio PLATINUM

From your Portfolio Platinum card check your eight share price movements on this page only. Add these prices to your running total for the week and check this against the weekly dividend figure on this page. If it matches this figure, you have won outright or a share of the total weekly *prize money stated.* If you win, follow the claim procedure on the back of your card. You must always have your card available when claiming. Game rules appear on the back of your card.

No.	Company	Group	Gain or loss
1	Lon & Metro	Property	
2	Harrison Ind	Building,Roads	
3	Hay (Norman)	Industrials E-K	
4	Tomkins	Industrials S-Z	
5	Scot Met	Property	
6	P & O Def	Transport	
7	BNB Res	Paper,Print,Adv	
8	Tilbury Group	Building,Roads	
9	Ntbn Foods	Foods	
10	Blue Circle	Building,Roads	
11	Cadens	Foods	
12	JS Pathology	Industrials E-K	
13	Courtney Pope	Industrials A-D	
14	Young (H)	Industrials S-Z	
15	Southnews	Newspapers,Pub	
16	CRH	Building,Roads	
17	Macfarlane	Industrials L-R	
18	News Intl	Newspapers,Pub	
19	Tipbook	Transport	
20	Smurfit (Jeff)	Paper,Print,Adv	
21	Dunhill	Drapery,Stores	
22	Williams Hldgs	Industrials S-Z	
23	Microfilm Repro	Electricals	
24	Gleeson (M)	Building,Roads	
25	Domino	Electricals	
26	Bristol	Newspapers,Pub	
27	Christies Int	Industrials A-D	
28	Smart (J)	Building,Roads	
29	Norcros	Industrials L-R	
30	ERA Gp	Drapery,Stores	
31	Bt Vita	Industrials A-D	
32	Hickson	Chemicals,Plas	
33	Sidlaw	Industrials S-Z	
34	Marks Spencer	Drapery,Stores	
35	CI Group	Industrials A-D	
36	Inotron	Industrials E-K	
37	Courts Furnishers	Drapery,Stores	
38	Dowty	Motors,Aircraft	
39	Boots	Industrials A-D	
40	Hawker Siddly	Industrials E-K	
41	Kleinwort Benson	Banks,Discount	
42	Tate & Lyle	Foods	
43	Meggit	Industrials L-R	
44	LWT CP	Leisure	

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Please take into account any minus signs

Weekly Dividend

Please make a note of your daily totals for the weekly dividend of £4,000 in today's newspaper.

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	Weekly Total

Due to production difficulties Tuesday's game was declared void and the figures should not be used in calculating your weekly total.

There were no valid claims for the £8,000 Portfolio Platinum prize. The money will be added to next Tuesday's total.

BRITISH FUNDS

1990/91 High	Low	Stock	Price	Chge	Int only yield %	Gross red yield %
SHORTS (Under Five Years)						
99⅝	99⅜	Treas 9¾%	99⅝		9.78	10.725
99⅜	99⅛	Treas 9¾%	99⅜		9.77	10.699
99⅛	98⅞	Exch 11%	99⅛		11.09	10.865
99⅜	99⅛	Treas 11¾%	99⅜		9.77	9.887
97¾	95⅝	Treas 10%	97¾		9.58	10.238
99⅞	97⅞	Treas 10%	99⅞		9.65	10.078
102⅜	100⅝	Treas 13%	102⅜		9.65	10.077
101⅜	99⅜	Treas 12¾%	101⅜		9.65	10.077
101⅜	99⅜	Treas 12¾%	101⅜		9.65	10.077
99⅜	98⅜	Treas 9¾%	99⅜		9.77	10.077
99⅜	94	Exch 9¾%	99⅜		9.77	10.077
99⅜	98⅜	Treas 10%	99⅜		10.06	10.077
104⅝	102⅝	Treas 12¾%	104⅝		9.65	10.077
99⅜	100⅜	Treas 13%	107⅝		9.65	10.077
98⅜	96⅜	Exch 9¾%	98⅜		9.77	10.077
99⅜	98⅜	Treas 9¾%	99⅜		9.77	10.077
106⅜	97⅜	Exch 10%	106⅜		10.06	10.077
108⅜	101⅜	Treas 13¾%	108⅜		9.65	10.077
111⅝	108⅜	Treas 14¾% 1998-01	111⅝		10.1	10.077
87	72⅝	Treas 9% 1999-01	87		10.3	10.077
100⅝	98⅜	Exch 10¾% 1999	100⅝		10.1	10.077
106⅝	102⅝	Treas 12¾% 1999	106⅝		11.4	10.077
108⅜	102⅝	Treas 12¾% 1999	108⅜		11.7	10.077
FIVE TO FIFTEEN YEARS						
98⅝	92⅝	Treas 9% 1992-96	98⅝		9.8	9.855
100	94⅛	Conv 9% 1994	100		10.1	10.055
112¼	104⅝	Exch 13¾% 1997	110⅝		11.9	10.449
113⅜	106⅜	Treas 14% 1997	112⅝		11.9	10.449
113⅜	105⅜	Treas 13¾% 1997	112⅝		11.9	10.449
84⅜	78⅜	Exch 8% 1997	83⅝		9.8	10.449
102⅝	96⅝	Exch 10¾% 1997	102⅝		10.1	10.449
113⅜	106⅜	Treas 13¾% 1997	111⅝		11.9	10.449
102⅜	96⅜	Exch 10¾% 1997	102⅜		10.1	10.449
90⅝	85⅝	Treas 9% 1998	90⅝		10.1	10.449
103⅜	96⅜	Exch 10¾% 1998	103⅜		10.1	10.449
107⅜	101⅜	Treas 12¾% 1998	107⅜		11.1	10.449
101⅛	95⅜	Conv 10¾% 1998	101⅛		10.1	10.449
102⅜	96⅜	Exch 10¾% 1998	102⅜		10.1	10.449
111⅜	105⅜	Exch 13% 1998	111⅜		11.1	10.449
94⅜	89⅜	Conv 9% 1999	94⅜		10.1	10.449
116⅝	110⅝	Treas 15% 2000	114⅝		11.3	10.449
100⅝	94⅝	Exch 10¾% 2000	100⅝		10.1	10.449
116⅝	110⅝	Treas 15% 2000-01	115⅝		11.3	10.449
98⅜	92⅜	Exch 9¾% 2001	98⅜		10.1	10.449
100⅜	94⅜	Treas 10% 2001	99⅜		10.1	10.449
117⅜	114⅜	Treas 13¾% 2000-03	117⅜		11.4	9.355
98⅜	93⅜	Exch 9¾% 2002	97⅜		10.1	9.355
97	95⅜	Treas 9% 2000	97⅜		10.1	10.449
108⅜	101⅜	Treas 11¾% 2001-04	106⅜		11.1	10.449
97⅜	90⅜	Conv 9% 2005	96		10.1	10.449
118⅜	110⅜	Treas 12¾% 2000-05	116⅜		11.3	10.449
OVER FIFTEEN YEARS						
85⅛	79⅝	Treas 8% 2002-06	85⅛		9.4	10.199
88	81⅛	Exch 8¾% 2007	88		9.9	10.199
112⅜	105⅜	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	109⅜		10.8	10.199
94⅜	88⅜	Treas 9% 2008-12	93⅜		9.7	10.199
125⅝	116⅝	Treas 13¾% 2004-08	123⅝		11.2	10.199
94⅜	88⅜	Conv 9% 2011	93⅜		9.7	10.199
93⅜	86⅜	Treas 8¾% 2009-12	91⅜		9.6	10.199
82⅜	76⅜	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	79⅜		9.8	10.199
121⅛	113⅛	Exch 12% 2013-17	118		10.1	10.199
UNDATED						
26⅝	23⅝	Consols 2½%	24⅝			
59⅝	57⅜	Conv 5½%	59⅝			
40⅜	37⅜	Consols 4%	38⅝			
26⅝	23⅝	Treas 2½%	25⅝			
29⅜	27⅜	Treas 3%	29⅜			
35⅞	33⅜	War Ln 3½%	35⅜			
INDEX-LINKED						
128⅝	127⅜	Treas 2% 1992	128⅝			
117⅜	115⅜	Treas 2% 1996	117⅜			
172⅜	168⅜	Treas 2% 1998	171⅜			
141⅜	139⅜	Treas 2½% 2001	141⅜			
157⅜	155⅜	Treas 2½% 2006	156⅜			
138⅝	134⅝	Treas 2½% 2011	138⅝			
138⅝	134⅝	Treas 2½% 2016	138⅝			
109⅝	106⅝	Treas 2½% 2020	109⅝			
117⅝	113⅝	Treas 2½% 2024	117⅝			
113⅜	102⅜	Treas 2½% 2030	113⅜			
95	91⅜	Treas 2½% 2035	95			

BANKS, DISCOUNT, HP

1991 High	Low	Company	Bid	Price Offer	Chge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
231	211	Abbey National	228	231	-1	11.2	6.9	6.9
140	131	Allied Irish	138	140	-1	12.7	9.1	6.5
147	131	Ashbourne (Henry)	138	142		7.4	5.2	8.2
111	102	Bank of Ireland	108	111		8.5	7.7	6.5
147	131	Bank of Scotland

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	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
ACCEY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
20, Knightsbridge Rd, Bournemouth BH6 5AL				
Tel: 0345 717373 (Lifetime)				
Mastergrt Acc	90.16	95.42	+0.50	2.19
Inst	93.48	97.53	+0.51	1.44
Dis/Gth	50.94	54.20	+0.43	5.54
Global Gth Sec	51.88	54.94	+0.12	1.22
Ethical	50.72	54.24	+0.47	3.01
High Inc Equity	140.5	148.18	+1.1	6.70
W'wide Bond	204.3	215.54	+0.6	8.83
Gilt/Fixed	113.2	120.0	+0.3	9.56
ADTRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
18, Claremont Terrace, Aberdeen AB9 1QJ				
Tel: 0224 633079 dealing (Freephone) 0800				
453500				
28, Pineberry Grove, London EC3M 7QD				
Tel: 071-974 0801				
Am Inc/Gth	29.84	31.2500	+0.08	2.52
Euro	72.33	76.87	+0.55	0.00
Euro Inc	75.38	80.04	+0.54	1.54
Exempt	755.3	791.40	+14.0	5.56
Extra Inc	46.27	49.46	+0.56	5.76
F/E Emerg Ec	53.62	57.66	+0.74	1.11
ALLIED DUNBAR UNIT TRUSTS				
Allied Dunbar Centre, Swindon SN1 1EL				
Tel: 0793 514814 dealing:0793 519393				
High Inc	2500	2635	+5.2	5.11
Equity Inc	198.8	211.7	+4.3	5.05
High Yield	207.8	221.09	+3.7	5.21
Balanced	345.3	361.1	+6.4	3.24
Am Inc	34.24	36.48	+0.52	0.00
World Ass Val	32.71	34.84	+0.46	1.61
Japan	142.9	151.3	+1.7	0.01
Sec of Am	301.9	321.5	+8.0	0.27
BARCLAYS UNICORN				
Unicorn House, 252, Romford Rd E7 Tel:				
081-534 5044				
Capd	89.75	95.48	+1.15	3.72
Euro Gth Inc	92.98	99.18	+0.53	1.37
Income	96.96	103.79	+0.57	5.08
General	199.7	213.80	+2.0	3.78
Gt/Fxd Income	51.14	53.01	+0.06	10.08
Inc Trust	444.6	475.5	+3.7	5.77
BARING FUND MANAGERS				
PO Box 185, Sackhouse, Kent BR3 4QQ				
Tel: 081-658 3000				
Amer Gth	55.18	58.97	+1.34	0.50
Am Sm Cos	76.86	73.45e+1.60		0.30
Australia	57.71	61.97e+0.37		1.38
Convertible	44.59	47.72e+0.40		6.40
Eml	137.7	148.5	+2.9	1.08
Equity Inc	77.45	82.39e+1.11		6.30
Euro Gth	118.4	123.1e	+1.8	2.76
Euro Smlr Cos	158.8	168.5	+0.7	1.20
Europe	68.79	70.96		4.10
German Gth	46.29	49.19	+0.64	0.66
Global Gth	87.54	93.91	+0.53	0.10
Jap Gth	174.2	185.8	+1.8	0.00
Jap Smlr Cos	155.4	165.9e	+1.4	0.00
Pacific	56.92	59.56	+0.76	3.70
Do Acc	180.8	187.3	+1.3	3.70
UK Growth	58.42	62.40	+0.67	3.49
UK Smlr Cos	71.70	76.58e+0.05		3.49
Select Men	53.51	56.92e+0.46		2.40
BRITANNIA LIFE UNIT MANAGERS LTD				
120, West George St, Glasgow G2 2PA Tel:				
041-332 9282				
Britan Gth Acc	79.69	85.20e+1.06		3.15
Do Inc	75.39	80.60e+0.99		3.15
Global Bond	29.83	31.47	+0.10	8.28
High Yield Acc	41.37	44.24e+0.45		4.49
Do Inc	37.36	39.71e+0.42		4.49
Int Gth Sec	84.73	89.23	+0.45	4.28
Do Inc	47.46	50.78	+0.30	4.28
Services Co Acc	88.16	70.75e+0.90		1.95
Do Inc	65.13	69.66e+0.78		1.51
Am Gth Acc	30.89	33.14	+0.69	1.51
Do Inc	30.41	32.52	+0.68	1.51
Euro Gth Acc	34.42	36.83	+0.25	1.55
Do Inc	25.82	27.73	+0.22	1.55
Managed Port	24.98	25.69	+0.09	5.89
BROWN SHIPLEY				
9-17, Pennycuest Rd, Haywards Heath Tel:				
0444 458744				
Financial	118.3	123.9	+1.0	3.81
Smlr Cos Acc	139.4	147.70	-0.9	0.60
Do Inc	114.1	121.50	-0.4	1.09
High Inc	89.17	73.67	+0.51	5.84
Income	152.0	139.70	+0.7	4.94
Man Port Inc	83.41	88.53	+0.46	2.34
Do Acc	151.8	161.5	+2.3	2.20
Nth Amer	73.53	77.95	+0.78	0.00
Orient	114.6	122.10	+1.9	0.36
Exempt	293.4	300.10	+2.2	4.51
Recov	34.7	37.3	-0.1	2.15
Gemini	36.25	38.30	+0.34	5.65
Ind Recov	30.03	29.85	+0.24	0.28
Europe	20.57	22.15	-0.02	0.51
Conv Gemt	19.19	20.44	+0.07	9.31
BUCKMASTER MANAGEMENT				
Beaufort Hse 15 St Botolph St London				
EC3A 7JJ Tel: 071-247 4849 Dealing 01-				
247 7474				
Fellowship Inc	55.00	58.53e+0.27		2.46
Do Acc	59.31	63.10e+0.29		2.46
Inc Fund 3	167.9	178.66	+1.3	3.44
Do Acc 3	356.1	379.0	+2.8	3.44
Inv Port Inc	53.88	55.56	+0.51	3.12
Do Acc	57.36	59.39	+0.56	3.12
Smlr Inc 5	57.38	103.6	+0.39	2.80
Do Acc	110.8	117.9	+0.74	2.80
Hi Inc Pf Inc	49.23	51.02e+0.17		8.17
BUNRAGE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
117 Fenchurch Street London EC3M 5AL				
Tel: 071-626 7215				
Shr Gt Fid Int	50.56	51.35	+0.01	7.46
CIS UNIT MANAGERS LTD				
PO Box 196 Manchester M60 0AH Tel: 061-				
832 8000				
Growth	102.4	110.0	-0.6	2.26
UK Growth	114.6	122.2	+1.4	2.88
UK Income	107.9	114.99	+0.8	5.58
CANNON FUND MANAGERS				
1, Dipperfield Way, Wembley Middx HA9 0NG				
Tel: 081-902 0300				
SE Asia	51.40	54.97e+0.52		2.07
Growth	39.74	42.51e+0.37		0.71
Income	49.25	52.67e+0.30		9.71
Far East	40.32	43.12e+0.43		0.59
Nth Amer	47.87	51.20e+1.29		0.56
Gilt	85.44	91.38	-0.02	1.40
European	62.53	66.70	+0.13	1.78
Japan	102.1	109.2	+0.7	0.01
Strategic Opp	46.89	49.94e	-0.05	2.17
Intl Currency	45.93	48.70e	+0.21	9.58
CAPEL-CURZ MYRIAD UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
36 Fountain Street, Manchester M2 2AF				
Tel: Enquiries: 061-228 6363 Dealings:061-				
228 6333				
Geographic Trusts				
Am & Gen	89.83	95.82e+2.52		0.44
Do Acc	95.51	101.89e+2.68		0.44
European	98.12	61.77	+0.53	1.43
Do Acc	59.46	63.19	+0.56	1.43
F East/Gen	92.84	98.62e	+0.57	0.00
Do Acc	92.84	98.62e	+0.57	0.00
Glenthlans	232.5	247.2	+3.7	2.05
Do Acc	233.8	257.9	+3.9	2.03
Growth	238.6	305.3	+4.4	3.17
Do Acc	466.8	496.8	+7.1	3.17
Inc &Gth Inc	330.8	352.0	+4.9	4.10
Do Inc	401.7	427.4	+5.9	5.10
Master Portf	1283.86	1365.27	+1.06	3.92
Do Acc	2322.58	97.44e+1.19		3.92
Spec Sits	84.11	89.21	+0.55	3.24
Do Acc	71.35	75.91	+1.07	3.24
Exempt Fund				
High Yld Exmt	210.38	10.658+0.15		5.71
Do Acc	211.15	11.500+0.16		5.61
CAPEL (JAMES) MANAGEMENT				
3, Harbour Exchange Square, London, E14				
9SU. Tel: Telephone: 071-985 9999				
Dealings : 071-985 9966				
Amer Index	145.8	155.5	+3.8	1.97
Capd	468.9	498.7e	+5.7	3.99
Euro Index	109.4	116.7	+1.0	1.83
Euro Growth	71.38	76.18	+0.26	2.56
Far East S S	70.16	74.87	+0.53	0.79
Gold Gen S S	57.83	61.71	+1.00	0.52
Income	448.7	476.7e	+5.6	4.85
Int Gth	82.94	87.17	+0.78	1.09
Jap Index	97.36	71.89	+0.14	0.20
N Amer	293.6	313.39e	+5.2	1.73
Tiger Index	93.39	99.68	+1.56	1.81
UK Index	108.3	115.5	+1.7	4.96
CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
16 Tokenhouse Yard, London EC2R 7AN				
Tel: 071-606 9765				
Amer Portf	55.53	60.48	+0.37	3.79
Euro Gen	62.11	65.41e	+0.56	0.89
Jap Portf	47.18	50.19	+0.51	1.98
Pacific Portf	58.4	62.5	+0.2	3.48
Portf	59.22	63.34	+0.28	2.99
UK Inc/Gth	55.95	60.10e	+0.14	4.79
CENTRAL BOARD OF FINANCE OF CHURCH OF ENGLAND				
2, Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ Tel: 071-				
588 1815				
Inv	536.2	548.2	..	5.23
Fixed Int	137.2	137.9	..	10.51
Deposit		100.0	..	11.50
CHARITIES OFFICIAL INVESTMENT FUND				
2, Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ Tel: 071-				
588 1815				
Income	518.7	523.49	..	5.48
Acc	2136.36	18.81	..	..
Deposit		100.0	..	11.70
Fixed Int Inc	116.7	110.99	..	10.45
Do Acc	120.1	120.36	..	..
CHIRA UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
PO Box 128 Maidenhead Kent SR3 4PN Tel:				
0831-603 3000				
Assets	49.74	52.36e	..	3.56
Stock Int Op Acc	61.34	65.00	..	3.23
Fmer Fixe Inc	170.8	180.8e	..	5.23
Fmer Hse Cap	200.2	212.2	..	2.86
COMMERCIAL UNION TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
St Helen"s, 1, Undershaft, London EC3P				
3DQ Tel: 071-283 7500 Dealing 031-620				
3815				
Am Gth	73.21	77.80e	-0.49	2.14
Euro Gth	78.89	83.70	-0.13	7.89
Far East	74.51	79.27e	-0.17	0.74
Gilt	85.04	89.43	+0.03	9.50
Do Acc	76.36	81.23	+0.02	9.15
Jap Gwth	37.27	39.44	+0.14	0.00
Monthly Inc	55.31	45.01e	+0.08	10.06
Pensions Inv Pt	51.48	54.70	-0.06	5.40
Do Acc	58.08	62.65e	+0.40	5.40
Profess Inv Pt	56.16	61.66e	..	2.84
Prop Inv Pt	56.18	59.77e	..	3.48
Smlr Cos Inc	95.04	31.20	+0.03	3.50
Do Acc	31.58	33.61	+0.04	3.50
UK/Gen Inc	62.75	66.78	+0.60	4.05
Do Acc	70.72	75.25	+0.68	4.05
Wrldw Bond	61.10	65.00	+0.34	9.65
Wrldw Sp Sits	46.15	48.36	-0.03	1.25
Do accum	47.82	50.83	-0.03	1.25
Dutfor Gen Inc	103.6	110.4e	+0.52	5.19
Dutfor Inc Acc	105.7	104.5	+0.80	5.19
Dutfor Intl Acc	104.2	110.89	-0.4	1.04
COMMERCIAL UNION PRESTIGE FUND MANAGEMENT				
(Formerly Royal Trust Fund Management)				
Finance/Prop	67.76	93.36	+0.93	3.45
Fixed/Conv	39.22	35.34e	-0.54	9.24
Gilt	78.54	81.40e	+0.78	9.49
Equity Acc	130.1	138.4	+0.94	5.65
Do Acc	374.8	398.5	+2.71	5.65
High Yield Inc	107.5	114.3	+0.65	6.75
Do Acc	301.4	364.4	+2.00	6.75
Intl Inc	66.28	61.79	-0.05	1.89
Do Acc	93.22	99.17	-0.08	1.89
Preference Inc	37.12	39.49e	+0.16	11.06
Do Acc	162.2	172.50e	+0.68	11.06
PPT Canada	45.87	48.80	-0.50	0.00
PPT Commod	48.33	51.41	-0.31	4.43
PPT Europe	129.5	137.4	+0.47	0.00
PPT Global	66.85	65.71	-0.22	3.80
PPT Gold	30.15	32.07	-0.17	0.00
PPT Thail	47.64	50.68	-0.97	1.84
PPT HK	45.14	48.02	-0.97	1.84
PPT Japan	118.7	127.3	+0.39	0.00
PPT Shng/M	71.74	76.32	-0.48	0.00
PPT UK	98.94	105.2	+0.82	1.84
PPT US	99.89	103.0	-0.42	1.30
PPT Cash	80.76		+0.02	13.79
Wrldw Alpha	92.83	98.84	-0.02	0.00
Do Accum	94.84	98.77	-0.02	0.00
EPIC UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
4, Melville Crescent, Edinburgh Tel: 0345				
090555				
Amer	88.79	92.21	+1.26	1.15
Capd	115.2	122.49	+1.0	2.45
Convertible	99.88	24.31	+0.27	6.69
Eurobond	31.98	33.78	+0.29	11.18
Exempt Mngd	141.1	148.40	..	3.82
Extra Inc	64.88	69.24e	+0.45	7.59
Growth/Inc	202.1	214.7	+3.7	5.01
High Dist	145.5	151.49	+1.5	7.07
High Inc	103.1	110.3	+1.1	7.07
Intl	207.2	283.9	+4.5	1.55
Inv Inc	80.52	86.62e	+1.03	6.22
Pacific	36.41	40.61	+0.22	0.00
Smlr Cap Cos	71.40	75.89	+1.04	0.00
Tokyo	186.9	198.9	+0.8	0.00
Ex Am 2	153.1	157.29e	..	1.59
Ex Jap 3	124.5	127.9	..	0.06
Ex Smlr Jap 4	585.4	611.6	+19.5	0.06
EAGLE STAR UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
Bath Road, Cheltenham, Gloucester GL53				
7LG Tel: 0242 577855				
Cmsed Op Acc	65.08	67.06	+0.01	1.26
Japanese	56.60	60.21	+0.51	0.00
UK Balan Inc	88.09	109.1	+1.07	3.46
Do Acc	109.7	112.4	+1.3	3.45
UK Gth Accum	153.5	169.5e	+1.3	2.16
UK Hi Inc	116.9	116.9e	+1.3	5.88
UK Int Inc Acc	71.07	75.61	+1.3	5.88
N Amer Acc	72.07	81.39	+1.53	1.12
Euro Acc	103.1	109.7	..	0.26
UK Gth/Fl Inc	54.98	58.31	+0.20	8.19
Do Acc	76.17	80.77	+0.27	4.48
Bal Sp & Acc	40.98	43.49	+0.31	0.56
Exempt Opp	63.46	56.87e	+0.47	1.41
ENDURANCE FUND MANAGEMENT LTD				
41, Hasmington Gardens London SW7 4JU				
Tel: 071 373 7281				
Endurance	147.1	156.4	+0.8	2.30
EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
Walton Street Aylesbury, HP21 7QW Tel:				
0296 395151				
Equita Pakistan	105.8	111.49	+1.27	4.85
High Inc	110.7	116.5e	+1.09	6.05
Gt/Fxd Interest	49.57	51.57	+0.11	9.29
T Of Inv Tr	111.1	117.5	+0.51	3.15
Spec Sits	99.16	104.4	+0.91	4.21
N Am	73.22	77.70	+0.84	1.39
Far East	183.1	191.7	+0.6	0.00
Intl Gth	78.74	86.78	+0.55	2.36
Euro	98.94	99.94	+0.49	1.90
Smlr Cos	58.29	59.25	+0.21	4.84
EQUITY & LAW				
21, George Rd, Coventry CV1 3BH Tel:				
0203 220881				
UK Gth Accum	256.8	273.2e	+3.9	3.57
Do Inc	193.2	205.5e	+3.0	3.57
Higher Inc Acc	426.4	454.5e	+4.5	5.21
Do Inc	301.7	321.0e	+4.3	5.21
Gilt/Fxd Acc	133.9	141.0	+0.7	9.06
Do Inc	80.09	84.38	+0.42	9.06
N America	158.4	165.6e	+3.9	0.00
Far East	233.5	248.5e	+3.9	0.88
Europe	207.2	220.5e	+1.3	0.58
Gen'l	262.5	279.1e	+3.5	3.57
Gen'l Acc	364.9	388.2e	+5.0	3.57
Sr Excellence	53.55	56.97e	+0.74	3.50
Sr Fdntss Inc	57.20	60.86e	+0.66	8.41
Do Acc	57.20	60.86e	+0.77	8.41
Global Ops	56.72	60.35e	+0.71	0.34
FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVICES LTD				
Oakhill House, 130 Tonbridge Road				
Hildenborough Kent TN11 9DZ Tel: 0900				
414161				
American	158.4	165.4	+4.2	0.00
Cash Unit	128.14	e+0.03		12.19
European	99.21	104.9	+0.27	0.00
Gth/Inc	120.1	128.6	+1.5	4.80
Int Plus	111.0	119.1	+1.0	6.42
UK Gth	51.72	55.47	+0.70	0.00
FOREIGN & COLONIAL				
6th Floor, Exchange Rise Princess Street				
Manchester M2 4WA Tel: 061-832 8000				
Euro Income	80.7	86.3	+0.7	3.48
Far East	123.8	132.0	+1.4	0.00
Gtwise Income	65.62	72.94	+1.12	3.64
UK Growth	72.52	77.56	+0.99	2.57
UK Inc Fund	107.2	114.79	+1.3	5.16
US Smlr Cos	128.3	135.1	+1.9	0.00
FRASLRINGTON UNIT MANAGEMENT				
155, Bishopsgate London EC2M 3PT Tel:				
071-374 4169				
Am Smlr Cos	250.5	271.2	..	..
Euro Gth	259.9	277.0	..	..
Am Trnd Inv	253.0	269.7	..	..
Cap Inc	272.8	287.3	..	..
Cmnd Inc	238.8	251.89	..	3.65
Cmnd Smlr Inc	313.5	333.49	..	3.65
Cmnd Smlr Inc	42.59	45.61	..	1.49
Do Acc	42.59	45.61	..	1.49
Conv Inc	164.1	110.7	..	7.49
Conv Inc	171.8	182.5	..	7.49
Euro Inc	90.75	95.15	..	0.49
Euro Inc	90.10	95.59	..	0.49
Extra Inc Inc	248.7	262.4	..	6.08
Do Acc	314.8	334.8	..	6.08
Financial Acc	83.30	87.36e	..	0.78
Do Acc	81.19	86.39e	..	0.78
Inc Trust	163.8	174.0	+1.3	5.71
Do Acc	205.2	218.2	+1.6	5.71
Intl Gth	223.7	238.5e	..	..
Intl Gth	244.4	260.5e	..	..
Jap & Gen Inc	162.6	173.4	..	..
Do Acc	164.2	175.1	..	..
Managed Port Inc	76.66	80.70e	+0.72	2.02
Do Acc	77.74	81.41e	+0.72	2.02
Monthly Inc	122.6	130.4e	..	5.83
Recov	200.0	217.5	..	1.36
Do Acc	230.0	250.3	..	1.36
Smlr Cos	42.04	44.74	..	0.00
Do Acc	44.39	47.20	..	4.15
Gtr Gth Inc	57.39	59.19	..	5.12
Do Acc	82.93	84.29	..	5.12
Gth Inc Inc	55.45	57.19e	..	8.05
Do Acc	62.95	64.91e	..	9.05
FRIENDS PROVIDENT MANAGERS				
Castle Street, Salisbury, Wilts SP1 3SH Tel:				
Dealings:0722 411411 Autodeal722 411622				
Equity Dist	274.4	294.0e	+3.19	3.87
Do Acc	531.1	566.0e	+6.10	3.87
Euro Gth Dist	88.44	96.15	-0.52	0.84
Do Acc	89.47	96.24	-0.51	0.84
Fixed Int Dist	113.6	120.8	+0.08	9.33
Do Acc	173.3	183.5	+0.99	8.33
Int Gth Dist	63.40	67.45	+0.64	0.58
Do Acc	84.65	88.78	+0.85	0.58
N Am Dist	204.5	217.5	+3.69	0.00
Do Acc	208.4	218.5	+3.72	0.00
Smlr Dist	227.3	252.2e	+1.77	2.79
Do Acc	270.4	287.8e	+2.09	2.79
Smlr Inc Dist	52.45	55.80e	+0.12	5.12
Do Acc	80.31	84.18e	+0.15	5.12
Nam Smlr Dist	39.74	42.36	+1.15	0.41
Do Acc	73.34	78.03	+1.21	0.41
GT UNIT MANAGERS				
5th Floor, 6, Devonshire Sq, London EC2M				
4YZ Tel: 071-398 0010 Dealing 071-626				
3531				
Am Sp Sits	81.29	86.95e	+0.19	0.00
UK Dep Inc	144.2	154.3	+1.2	4.17
Do Acc	226.8	242.6	+1.8	4.17
Do Spec Sits	48.57	53.02	+0.88	2.15
Int Fund	106.0	113.5	+1.1	7.32
Int Gth	182.0	194.3	+1.4	1.29
US/Gen	92.06	97.72e	+0.40	0.00
Jap & Gen'l	387.9	411.5e	+4.9	0.00
Far East/Gen	193.6	207.3	-0.5	0.40
Euro	319.5	340.2	+3.6	1.14
Germany	87.40	92.38	+0.70	0.00
Gilt	55.39	58.54	+0.03	9.50
Wrldwd Spec Sit	84.20	90.06	+0.68	0.14
Global Prp Inc	46.54	50.10e	-0.07	2.94
Do Acc	48.29	51.62e	+0.30	2.94
Smlr Cos Div	40.89	43.92	-0.06	6.50
GARTMORE FUND MANAGEMENT				
Gartmore House, 16-18, Waterloo Pl,				
London SW1Y 4AU Tel: 071-839 1213				
Dealing: 0277 284421 Switchline: 0800				
289336				
UK Growth Trusts				
Am Smlr Cos	93.27	99.56	..	1.84
GeenTrust*	112.22	c+0.02		11.99
Pmrd Inv Inc	88.05	95.50	+1.01	3.63
Do Acc	178.5	191.4	+2.02	3.63
UK Smlr Cos	97.32	104.3	+0.89	1.92
Income Trusts				
Extra Inc	82.00	86.31e	+0.53	9.44
Preference	20.13	22.34e	+0.01	12.46
High Inc	252.6	34.75e	+0.51	6.18
Income	107.2	114.7	+1.03	4.91
2nd Fnd Int	23.07	24.27	+0.15	7.46
Commercial Trusts				
Gold Int	63.92	68.35	+0.68	1.48
Conversions	19.84	20.82	+0.10	1.94
Frontier Mkts	33.44	35.81e	+0.29	0.87
Pacific Inc	158.2	84.33e	+1.03	3.55
UK/Intl	67.32	60.60	+0.56	3.71
Overseas Trusts				
American	58.48	65.31	+2.00	1.25
European	64.48	68.41	+0.41	1.16
Euro Sel Opp	84.30	89.36	+0.46	0.90
Far Eastern	140.80	47.83	+0.78	0.00
Hong Kong	46.85	62.04	+1.46	2.61
Japan	175.6	186.8	+1.71	0.00
Pacific Gth	91.21	97.85	+2.45	1.17
GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MANAGEMENT				
Shackleton Hse, 4, Battle Bridge Lane,				
London SE1 2HR Tel: 071-378 7070				
Dealing:071-628 0820				
Int Gth	102.9	110.1	+1.00	0.69
Amer Growth	77.16	82.66	+1.43	0.00
Euro Growth	93.81	99.22e	+0.19	0.45
Far Eastern	43.41	45.92	+0.24	1.70
Jap Growth	72.97	78.04e	+1.27	..
Pacific Inc	166.3	197.3	+0.93	2.48
Pacific Strat	67.39	71.86	+0.53	0.00
UK Prog Inc	73.58	78.70	+0.35	4.58
Gt British	45.41	48.56e	+0.52	2.27
UK Smlr Co	39.19	41.92e	+0.09	3.96
GRE UNIT MANAGERS				
35 Helbeck Exchange Square London EC4				
5QE Tel: 071-638 5860				
Cash	112.2	e	+0.02	11.99
Gth Fxd Interest	107.9	114.1	+1.3	9.69
Gth Equity	288.0	304.1	+5.1	3.17
Guardian	370.3	396.6	+6.7	3.11
Int Tst	111.0	118.5	+2.9	4.72
Intl	124.8	132.7	+1.7	0.08
Managed	480.2	505.5	+4.2	..
N Amer	177.4	188.5e	+4.4	0.72
Pacific	210.7	221.9e	+3.5	0.27
Prop Share	207.9	224.1	+0.6	4.90
Smlr Cos	211.9	226.9e	+1.2	2.71
Euro Trust	320.8	342.7	+8.1	0.96
HALIFAX STANDARD TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
PO Box 500 Edinburgh EH16 1EW Tel: 0800				
838383				
Global Adv Inc	28.77	39.50	+0.24	2.77
Global Adv Acc	28.97	30.71	+0.24	2.77
HAMBROS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
Adelaide 5, Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood,				
Essex, Tel: Enquiries 0277 227300 Dealing				
0277 650500				
Amer Equity	51.65	54.80e	+0.72	5.75
Capital	46.92	49.79	+0.53	1.57
Equity Inc	103.8	110.4e	+0.7	7.35
Euro	122.6	126.99	+0.6	0.94
High Inc	71.54	76.11e	+0.55	6.97
Jap Gth	87.26	92.83e	+0.65	0.51
Jap & Far East	99.83	105.99e	+1.74	0.00
N Am	76.98	80.92	+1.37	1.42
Scandinavian	101.5	107.9	+1.58	0.00
Smlr Cos	238.8	251.89	..	3.65
UK Inc	313.5	333.49	..	3.65
UK Smlr Inc	42.59	45.61	..	1.49
Do Acc	42.59	45.61	..	1.49
Conv Inc	164.1	110.7	..	7.49
Conv Inc	171.8	182.5	..	7.49
Euro Inc	90.75	95.15	..	0.49
Euro Inc	90.10	95.59	..	0.49
Extra Inc Inc	248.7	262.4	..	6.08
Do Acc	314.8	334.8	..	6.08
Financial Acc	83.30	87.36e	..	0.78
Do Acc	81.19	86.39e	..	0.78
Inc Trust	163.8	174.0	+1.3	5.71
Do Acc	205.2	218.2	+1.6	5.71
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No surrender on insurers' terms

The campaign to improve the surrender values of insurance policies does not seem to be meeting with universal success. It is still possible to lose almost two-thirds of the expected pay-out by cashing in a 25-year policy 12 months early.

A survey published this week shows that the Life Association of Scotland would pay out just £12,850 to someone surrendering a policy for £20 a month after 24 years, compared with £35,176 the following year. Friends Provident would pay out £16,447, compared with an expected maturity value of £42,668. London Life and Pearl are both under £16,000, about 40 per cent of the end of term sums.

Early surrenders cost a lot more, with the companies who pay the most in commission paying least to those who are forced to cash policies in the first few years. In some cases, investors receive nothing at all if they cancel within five years.

It is not impossible for companies to play fair. Equitable Life, Scottish Widows and NPI pay out more than 90 per cent of the maturity value after 24 years.

Hugh Scurfield, general manager and actuary at Norwich Union, called on the industry to improve surrender values in his presidential address to the Institute of Actuaries last July.

If people are not to feel taken advantage of by insurance companies, then everyone must be seen to receive a fair deal. In 1989, £4.6 billion worth of policies were surrendered early. A great many of the policyholders may now be nursing a grievance.

Often a policy has been wrongly sold to someone who cannot afford it or is inappropriate to their needs. In other cases, a dramatic change of circumstances forces the surrender.

The poor cash-in values, coupled with the current economic climate, has helped to foster a secondary market in insurance policies. Auctions of policies are proving a popular way of releasing the money. The seller cannot lose because the reserve price is the surrender value placed on the policy by the insurance company. Anything above this is profit, and the auction house fee is taken from this surplus.



COMMENT

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The fact that investors will buy policies paying on average 20 per cent more than the surrender values, and often more than double the sum offered by the insurance company, shows how over-cautious the companies are when it comes to paying out early.

It is lucky that there is an alternative to the insurance company price available for those who can afford to wait a few weeks.

Surrender values apart, there ought to be concern about the large numbers of people who do cash in early. They cannot all be facing hard times. Too many are being badly advised. Cashing in a poorly performing policy to change to one of the best investment teams rarely pays because of the surrender values of policies. This is seldom "best advice". All too often the suggested move is not from worst to best, but from middle league to indifferent.

Investors often do not understand the long-term nature of insurance policies and the penalties they face by switching. This problem is about to be addressed by the Securities and Investments Board. And not before time.

SIB's ear

The battle continues to establish when compensation should be paid for investors who have lost money. The Securities and Investments Board wants to hear investors' views on when the compensation scheme should come into play, before it seeks a ruling in the High Court next month.

The board is briefing counsel to put forward arguments in the investors' interests and wants to use one particular investor's experience and arguments. It will, of course, pay all the legal costs of airing the investor's claims.

The question to be resolved is whether long-term investors of authorised firms have the same degree of protection as newcomers?

They may have invested before the firm was authorised under the Financial Services Act, but in most cases it will be difficult to establish when their money was misappropriated. It may well have been long after the firm has received the sanction of the regulators.

The courts will now decide. It seems a shame that it was not sorted out when the investors compensation scheme was introduced in August 1988.

Borrowers put pressure on societies

Millions caught out in annual mortgage review

By SARA MCCONNELL

Millions of mortgage borrowers on annual review schemes are still making monthly payments set when interest rates were 14.5 per cent at the beginning of this year. They have yet to feel the effect of this year's series of rate cuts, which will this week cut the cost of gross repayments on a typical £40,000 Halifax endowment mortgage by an additional £26.67 a month for borrowers on variable payment mortgages.

Some annual review borrowers are starting to put pressure on building societies to reduce their rates to take the rate cuts into account. A Halifax borrower on annual review will be paying £494.51 gross, £62.85 more than the new variable payment.

The Abbey National has capitalised on dissatisfaction among annual review customers by running a newspaper advertisement saying: "Why wait until next year? Reduce your mortgage payment now with Abbey National". This attracted 1,000 phone calls on each of the days it was run.

Most societies are resisting the pressure, saying that borrowers cannot come off annual review just because they think they will pay less. Annual review schemes are intended to smooth out fluctuations in interest rates and help borrowers to budget.

The payment is set at the beginning of each society's financial year and adjusted at the end, to take into account changes in interest rates and any under or overpayment. This is added or subtracted from the mortgage debt. The payment rather than the rate is set, as interest rate changes are taken into account when the next year's payment is set.

Jack Rayner, mortgage controller at the Halifax, said: "We understand perfectly that people should wish to reduce their payments if they have the chance. But if you leave the system when it would favour you, you are in dead trouble. It is not in the interests of borrowers to leave. If they don't reduce their debt they will pay more interest."

He said that the society had received a couple of dozen letters from people who wanted to move to a lower payment but that most were satisfied. Only two societies, the Nationwide and the National & Provincial have yielded and cut payments for annual review customers by the same amount as variable payment customers.

From May 17, N&P's annual review customers will pay 12.95 per cent and Nationwide customers will have a tiered system of rates from 12.95 per cent for loans of less than £60,000 to 11.95 per cent for loans of more than £120,000. The societies claim that the lower rate will not add to the borrower's debt as long as rates continue to fall.

Building societies admit that an annual review system is administratively simpler and cheaper as they only have to write to customers once a year. They also argue that borrowers prefer it. Societies which do not operate this system say borrowers only like the system if it works in their favour, shielding them from high rates.

Mortgage managers say the continuous upward movement of interest rates from their low point of 9.8 per cent between May and July 1988, meant that borrowers did not feel the benefit as they would if rates rose and fell in a normal pattern.

Colin Garth, assistant manager of mortgage planning at the Leeds Permanent, said: "The annual review scheme works better if there is a swings and roundabouts pattern of rates. No one anticipated over two years of rate rises. The periodic review has not worked out quite as everyone hoped."

A borrower with a £40,000 mortgage on a Halifax budget plan since February 1984 would have been shielded from the most violent rate rises of the past three years.

Rates rose sharply and continuously from 11.5 per cent in August 1988 to 15.4 per cent in March last year, but annual review customers paid less for their loan throughout this period. They would only have been paying more than variable rate customers for three months between April 30 and July 31 1984, between March 31, 1986, and March 31, 1988, and for three months between May and July 1988.

The figures also show that the last six months since the first rate cut of October 6 have meant higher payments for budget plan customers.

Rising interest rates benefit annual review payers during the year, because they are locked into a lower payment. If rates continue to rise, the shortfall added to the total mortgage debt grows.

In August 1988, the same Halifax budget plan customer would have overpaid when rates were low. Some of the total mortgage debt would have been paid off, leaving ony £39,719.96 to pay.

By March 31 this year, the accrued debt would have risen to £40,909.

Figures from the Leeds Permanent show a similar pattern. Since the society started its annual review scheme in 1988, a borrower with a £25,000 endowment mortgage would have underpaid by £294. The Leeds set a rate of 12.5 per cent at its year-end in September 1988, then set a new rate of 13.45 per cent in September 1989. By the next year the rate had climbed to 15.4 per cent.

Banks and building societies that do not operate an annual review scheme say that this rising debt causes problems for borrowers.

Tim Parkes, product manager of mortgage business at Barclays, said: "If rates go up dramatically and annual review customers underpay for six months, the payment would jump in one big lump at the end of the year. For instance, the rate at the start of 1989 was 12.75 per cent but it rose to 14.5 per cent."

He added that borrowers wanting to move house could receive a nasty shock if they redeemed their mortgage only to find their outstanding debt had increased.

Bob Sharples, head of customer services for mortgages and insurance at the Nationwide, said: "If interest rates rocket, we are deferring the blow."

BARRY GREENWOOD



Staying put: Chris Varley has a variable rate mortgage for his Yorkshire home with the Skipton Building Society

Aversion shared by customer and society

CHRIS Varley is "positively untempted" by the prospect of having his mortgage repayments set annually and would consider moving his mortgage account from the Skipton Building Society if it moved on to this system.

Fortunately for the Skipton, it is not about to lose the custom of Mr Varley, a solicitor from Skipton, North Yorkshire, as the society has no plans to put its customers on annual review.

Since 1986, Mr Varley has had a £30,000 Skipton endowment mortgage on his four-bedroom detached house.

His payments move up and down with the interest rate and fluctuated widely between £225 a month when rates were 9.95 per cent in June 1988 and £343 in March last year when rates were 15.55 per cent.

The variable payments do not bother him. He said: "I would hate to find at the end of the year that I owed 'x' pounds on my mortgage.

"The worst scenario would be to find that I had underpaid."

He does not consider it a benefit to have payments set annually and says many of his clients share his view.

The Skipton shares Mr Varley's aversion to annual review schemes. David Charlton, the society's assistant general manager, said: "We have different types of mortgages to stabilise payments, such as fixed-rate mortgages, and there is not that much need for annual review."

Time is right to cut back payment

HOME buyers can enjoy an immediate reduction in mortgage payments, as one Britannia Building Society borrower discovered recently (Liz Dolan writes).

She took up arms when the society told her that the mortgage rate had been reduced from 14.5 per cent to 13.75 per cent on April 8 and her payment would be reduced from May 1.

Her next payment actually fell due seven weeks after the rate was reduced. "That meant I would be paying £40 more than I ought to in April," she said. "So I complained".

Britannia agreed to reduce her April payment, so that she could benefit immediately from the rate cut, but the society is still bemused about why she was so upset. "She was told that her interest rate would be lower next year because she would have paid off slightly more. Surely it doesn't really make that much difference unless people need the money immediately."

Britannia's redoubtable customer countered: "£40 is £40. I would much rather see it in my pocket now."

The society said: "We're not making any money out of this. We waited to reduce our rate because another bank rate cut was widely expected at the time of the Budget."

Britannia said that few of its other 270,000 mortgage customers had complained, and pointed out that most of the top ten societies only changed their rates once a year.

The Woolwich Building Society, another whose customers are not subjected to the annual review system, has reduced rates twice this year: once at the end of February for April 1 and once in mid April for May 1.

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Yearly change hits the young

By SARA MCCONNELL

JOHN MANNING



'No sympathy': Roy (right) and son Aidan Selwyn

FIVE months after he took out a £60,000 mortgage with repayments set annually, Aidan Selwyn has decided the annual review system does not work for him. His £538 monthly payment has not shrunk in spite of three cuts in interest rates.

He said: "There is no sympathy with respect to existing interest rates. I object to the principles of the system and would wish to be on a fully variable rate rather than an annual review."

He was not aware he was being put on annual review when he took out his loan on a £73,000 one-bedroom flat in Alton, Hampshire.

His father, Roy Selwyn, said: "My son was inveigled into the scheme. He did not know what he was getting himself into."

Mr Selwyn senior said in a letter to the Halifax: "Young borrowers are really concerned with their current monthly repayments and the policy that the Halifax is adopting in this respect is quite unhelpful to these hard-pressed young people.

"Your fixed rate for the year of 14.5 per cent compares unfavourably with rates being offered elsewhere and your stand on the further base rate cut required to trigger a fall is not too encouraging."

He was replying to a letter from Mike Cartwright, the Halifax's assistant general manager, who wrote: "The payment calculated last year which became operative on April 1 was by coincidence also calculated on an interest rate of 14.5 per cent, which applied on February 1, 1990.

"However, due to increasing rates, the society announced an increase in its variable mortgage rate to 15.4 per cent, effective from March 1, 1990. No adjustments were made to the payments already advised to customers and, as a consequence, the vast majority were cushioned against the effect of the higher interest rate. It did, however, have the effect of allowing debts to slightly increase as the interest charge was in excess of that on which the payments were calculated."

One borrower who appreciates the Halifax's arguments is John Gregory, a building contractor from Leeds. He makes repayments on his £30,000 mortgage in equal instalments of £274 a month. This payment is set to go up by £40 from this month to make up a shortfall from last year. Mr Gregory is not concerned.

"It was a little bit of a shock when I got my review to see that it will be £40 more this year than last year but I know I was paying less last year and I might pay less next year. It all balances itself out in the end and it gives me the opportunity to budget."

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Credit card cuts mean few savings for holders

By LINDSAY COOK, MONEY EDITOR

TWO credit card issuers announced this week that they are to cut their interest rates. Borrowers will save little, if anything at all.

The Halifax coupled the cut in its annual percentage rate (APR) of 28.7 per cent with the news it is going to introduce an annual charge of £10 in July, making its APR 26.9 per cent.

TSB Bank is to cut its Visa credit card rate from 31.3 to 29.8 per cent from the beginning of next month.

The Halifax will also charge interest from the date the transactions reach the account instead of from the statement date. Barclays Bank, Midland Bank, Co-operative Bank, Girobank, the Leeds Permanent Building Society and the Marks and Spencer charge-card have already adopted this. Originally, all credit cards only charged interest from the statement date.

The new method of calculating interest can involve an extra four weeks' interest being charged. It should work out, on average, at an extra two weeks' interest being charged to customers who borrow. Those who pay off their bills in full will continue to obtain up to seven weeks' interest-free credit.

The loss of the interest-free period between the day the items reach the account and the statement date could add about £15 a year to someone who spends £1,500 a year on their card and does not clear the balance.

In becoming the first building society to levy an annual charge the Halifax will also add services to the card.

The TSB, meanwhile, in cutting the monthly rate on its Trustcard to 2.2 per cent, is only bringing it into line with the bank's Mastercard. However, the bank has re-affirmed that it has no plans to introduce an annual fee.

Trustcard, with its 3.6 million card customers, and National Westminster Bank, with 4 million, are the last remaining big card issuers not to levy an annual fee.

Lloyds Bank, the first with a £12 charge in February last year, lost 600,000 customers as a result. The bank charges borrowers 28.3 per cent.

Barclays announced an £8 charge last May and has since lost 475,000 active credit card accounts. In addition, 700,000 people who used the card to back cheques transferred to the Connect debit card. Barclays charges 27.8 per cent.

Midland introduced a £10 fee on April 10 and set its interest rate at 28.5 per cent.

The card issuers have been reluctant to cut their interest rates, although bank base rates have fallen from 15 to 12 per cent since last autumn. They blame reduced profitability on increasing bad debts and falling income from retailers.

At Save & Prosper, which monitors credit card changes, Ian Lindsey, the banking director, said margins were moving in the right direction for a cut in card rates. He said it was difficult for customers to compare the rates charged by different companies.

☐ Another credit card operation is up for sale. The Bank of Credit & Commerce International (BCCI), which launched a number of affinity cards, is looking for a buyer. The bank started issuing cards two years ago.



Environment heads ethical priorities

Green funds bloom faster

By HELEN PRIDHAM

INVESTORS in "green" companies have done well this year. While there has been a general improvement in small company shares, green shares have done particularly well.

According to James Capel's Green Index, green shares have risen 27.7 per cent since the beginning of January, against a 20.3 per cent increase in small companies and a 16.2 per cent rise in the FT-SE 100.

Institutional investors are becoming increasingly interested in green shares because companies that take account of environmental trends are often those with the most far-sighted managements, says James Capel.

The Ethical Investment Research Service has also found that more private investors are concerned about the environment than any other single issue. Peter Webster, a director of Ethical, said: "Priorities on other ethical issues differ, though nuclear power and low wages in South Africa are of high concern."

There is a growing range of green investment products, including unit and investment trusts, personal equity plans, investment bonds, pension schemes and a tax-exempt friendly society plan.

The two green unit trusts with the highest charges, of 6 per cent initial and 1.5 per cent a year, are TSB's Environmental Investor and Clerical Medical's Evergreen. TSB's trust does not claim to be an ethical fund, but Clerical Medical's has a list of ethical investment criteria. In this way, it avoids investing, for example, in groups involved in the armaments trade or with repressive regimes.

TSB includes Johnson Matthey in its portfolio because it makes catalytic converters for cars, but Clerical Medical would exclude it because of South African links. While TSB invests in BOC, BT, and Unilever, Clerical Medical would not on grounds of involvement in military production or sale.

There can be other differences about what constitutes a "green" stock. Eagle Star's Environment Opportunities fund has recently increased its holdings in Fisons despite the continuing campaign by conservationists to persuade the company to stop peat extraction.

Fiona Cutting, fund manager, argues: "We believe that what's good about Fisons outweighs what is bad. Its pharmaceutical side is involved in developing drugs to alleviate the problems caused by increasing air pollution."

Green stocks are often found in ethical funds, such as Friends Provident's Stewardship trusts and Allchurches Amity fund. Indeed Sue Round, Amity's fund manager, puts much of Amity's consistent performance down to green holdings such as Rechem, a specialist in incinerating toxic waste. Amity has one of the lowest levels of charges at 5 per cent initial and 1.25 per cent a year.

Some companies, such as Scottish Equitable, whose Ethical fund was the third-best UK performer in the year to April, justify higher charges on their ethical funds because of the extra research needed.

Investing in green or ethical funds can appear to be an easier option than making companies change offensive policies. However, Mr Webster said it is hard to make company's change. "The most practical way of showing their concern is through such funds. I call it voting with your cheque book," he added.

Insurers admit payout dispute with Revenue

By BARBARA ELLIS

INSURANCE firms have been forced to admit they have been in dispute with the Inland Revenue over some of their most heavily marketed policies, without mentioning the fact to either sales staff or customers.

The continuing dispute centres on policies providing cover for more than one life or payouts on more than one occasion, for instance on diagnosis of a "dread" disease and then on death.

The Inland Revenue's position is that when the second benefit is paid, there is a charge to higher rate tax based on the value of the policy just before the second death, plus what was paid out on the first occasion. A spokesman said this had been the law since 1968 in one form or another, though it was restated in 1988 legislation.

However, Guardian Royal Exchange blamed only "an anomaly in the 1988 Income and Corporation Taxes Act", when announcing this week that it might withdraw cover on two lives under its Freedom policy. GRE has sold about 50,000 Freedom policies since launching the product in 1985. Richard Wood, the group's director of marketing, said about 15,000 of these policies covered husband and wife separately.

"The Revenue picked this up at the end of 1989," he said. "They suddenly wrote to us about the fact that we might have misunderstood part of the Taxes Act."

Mr Wood said the Revenue had accepted that the Taxes Act was not aimed against policies like Freedom, but intended to prevent higher rate taxpayers from benefiting from partial surrenders.

In a statement this week, GRE said: "We will be taking action at the time of the first death to eliminate the possibility of a subsequent higher rate tax charge."

However, Mr Wood acknowledged that the company would not be able to take this action — basically rewriting the policy after the first death — without receiving concessions from the Revenue that are still in negotiation.

"They would need to let us take a surrender value from the policy when the first person dies into a completely new Freedom plan without treating it as a chargeable event."

Mr Wood said that following pre-Budget discussions between the Association of British Insurers and the Revenue, his company and others had expected a change in the law via the Finance Bill, but there was none.

"At the moment, we are hoping things will be sorted out," he said. GRE had not warned its sales people about the continued dispute because it "took the view that if we didn't sort it out we would have to carry the can".

Abbey Life and Allied Dunbar both said their policies covering dread disease were not affected, since they only provide for one payout.

An Inland Revenue spokesman said the dispute also extended to keyman policies, with cover for the lives of several employees.

At the ABI, a spokeswoman said that the association's committees were undecided how best to take the matter forward.

Tessas attract cash from rival accounts

By MARGARET DIBBEN

MORE than £5 billion was invested in Tax Exempt Special Savings Accounts (Tessas) in the first three months of their existence.

The Bank of England reported this week that much of the money was transferred from existing savings accounts. Tessas were aimed at attracting new savings by their tax-free status, but many banks and building societies suspected they would prove costly to the Revenue without producing extra savings.

Tessa providers that pay a high rate and advertised widely have attracted the most funds, but virtually none of it was money from first-time savers. In most cases, people simply switched accounts.

Tessas have turned out to be attractive to older people, and equally appealing to women as men all over the country. At Barclays, 80 per cent of Tessas were opened by people over 40. The average balance was £2,300.

At Skipton Building Society, 85 per cent of accounts were opened by new customers and just 15 per cent were existing savers.

Save & Prosper recorded the highest level of new money — with 99 per cent from new customers, half of which came through intermediaries who were paid commission of 1 per cent of the opening deposit.

The Halifax took in 20 per cent of new money out of a total of £892 million, spread over 343,000 accounts with an average balance of £2,600.

Unlike many societies, the Birmingham Midshires did notice a regional trend. It found that nearly all its savers in the Southeast and North preferred to invest a lump sum, whereas in Wales and the Southwest a quarter opened Tessas for small regular savings.

INTEREST RATES ROUND-UP

	Nominal rate	Compounded at tax rates 25%	40%	Min/max investment £	Notice	Contact
BANKS						
Ordinary Dep A/c:						
Typical	2.63	2.66	2.12	none/none	7 day	——
Fixed Term Deposits:						
Barclays	8.06	8.06	6.45	25,000-50,000	1 mth	071-626 1567
"	8.20	8.20	6.56	25,000-50,000	3 mth	071-626 1567
Lloyds	7.31	7.31	5.85	2,500-no max	1 mth	Local Brnch
"	7.45	7.45	5.96	2,500-no max	6 mth	Local Brnch
Midland	7.69	7.69	6.15	10,000-no max	1 mth	0742 528665
" " "	7.50	7.50	6.00	10,000-no max	3 mth	0742 528665
NatWest	7.69	7.69	6.15	10,000-24,000	1 mth	071-726 1000
" " "	7.69	7.69	6.15	10,000-24,000	3 mth	071-726 1000
HIGH INTEREST CHEQUE ACCOUNTS						
Bank of Scotland MMC	7.81	7.98	6.38	2,500‡	none	031-442 7777
Barclays Prime a/c	6.94	7.12	5.70	2,500‡	none	0604 252891
Co-operative Bank	3.40	3.40	2.72	2,500‡	none	071 626 8343
Girobank	6.98	6.98	5.58	1,000‡	none	061 966 2076
Lloyds HICA	3.00	3.04	2.43	500‡	none	0272 433372
Midland HICA	6.56	6.66	5.33	2,000‡	none	0742 528655
NatWest Special Reserve	6.38	6.58	5.26	500‡	none	071-374 3374
Royal Bank of Scot Prem A/c	7.20	7.40	5.92	2,500	none	031-556 8555
TSB Bank HICA	6.26	6.26	5.01	2,000‡	none	071-600 6000
BUILDING SOCIETIES						
Ordinary Share A/c	4.50	4.50	3.60	1 min	none	——
Best buy — largest socs:						
Portman	9.00	9.00	7.20	500 min	none	——
Cheltenham & Gl	9.58	9.58	7.65	2,500 min	none	——
Northern Rock	9.21	9.82	7.70	25,000 min	none	——
West Bromwich	9.56	9.56	7.65	20,000 min	90 day	——
Nationwide Ang	9.98	9.98	7.98	50,000 min	1 year	——
Best buy — all socs:						
Cheltenham & Gl	9.56	9.58	7.65	2,500 min	none	——
Beverley	9.00	9.20	7.42	500 min	28 day	——
Mornington	10.28	10.28	8.22	10,000 min	90 day	——
Shepshed	10.61	10.61	8.49	25,000 min	90 day	——
Gainsborough	10.16	10.16	8.13	5,000 min	1 year	——
Cash/Cheque Accounts:						
Halifax Card Cash	4.99	5.05	4.04	25 min		Rates rise
Alliance & Leic Cash Plus	5.44	5.44	4.35	25 min		with larger
Nationwide Anglia Plus	3.38	3.38	2.70	1 min		balances
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Yearly Plan†	8.50	8.50	8.50	20-200/mth	14 day	091-386 4900
General Extension Rate†	5.01	5.01	5.01			
Capital Bond	11.50	8.62	6.90	100-100,000	5 yrs	041-649-4555
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Allco	9.70	9.70	8.25	25,000 min	1 yrs	Figures from
New Direction Fin	9.40	9.40	7.99	5,000 min	2 yrs	Chase de
Prosperity	9.40	9.40	7.99	5,000 min	3 yrs	Vere
Consolidated Life	9.25	9.25	7.86	2,000 min	4 yrs	071 404 5795
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Yorkshire 0274 734822	11.35	negotiable	95	After 1.55% discount for first 6 months
BANKS				
Barclays 0203 694242	11.70	negotiable	90	After 1.25% discount for first year
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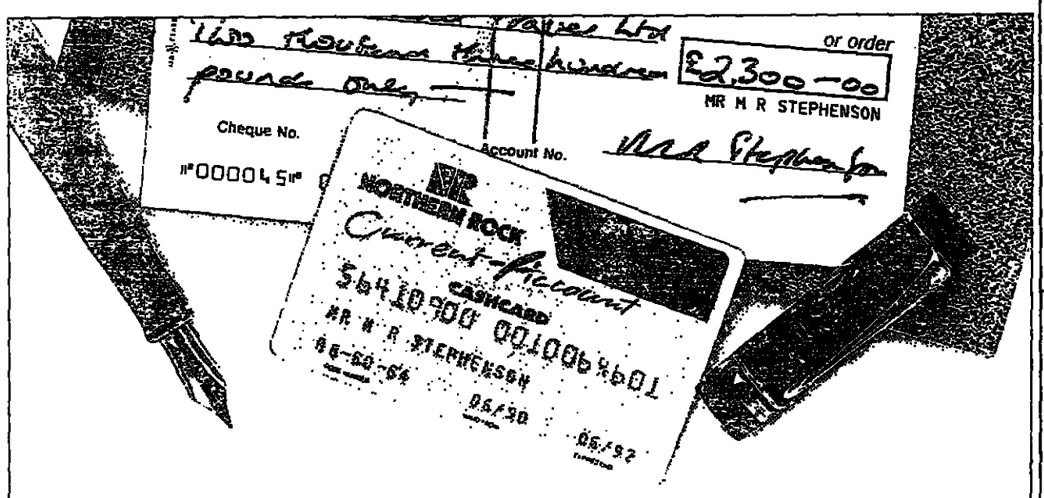
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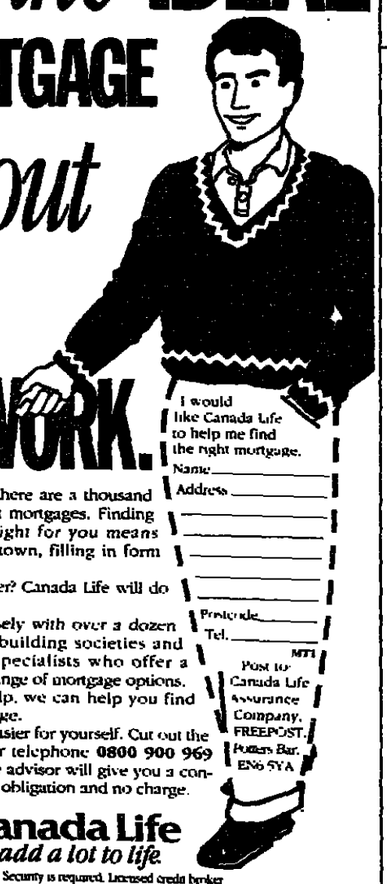
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Investors stand to lose £15m from Castlegate

By LINDSAY COOK, MONEY EDITOR

UP TO 200 investors may lose a total of more than £15 million because they put money into a scheme described as "risk-free".

The Capital Fund Owners Plan, operated by the Castlegate Group of Reading, Berkshire, promised a 20 per cent annual return to investors, but both remained outside the Financial Services Act or Bank of England regulation because of the way they were set up.

The Serious Fraud Office raided the company last November. Administrative receivers have been appointed for four companies in the group. Castlegate Group Holdings and five subsidiary companies went into creditors' voluntary liquidation.

This week, the officer in charge of the investigation for the Thames Valley Fraud Squad, said: "One of our difficulties is trying to establish the extent of any discrepancy. It already looks as though substantial amounts may already have been lost and, at the end of the day, I have little doubt that many individuals will lose considerable sums."

He continued: "Since November 9, the investigation team has been working full time analysing documents seized from the premises of Castlegate Securities Ltd. We have interviewed a considerable number of investors, borrowers, and Castlegate Securities employees.

"One important area of investigation currently centres around the manner in which mortgage and property transactions were undertaken, in particular the manner in which security for loans was provided: for instance Castlegate records indicate that one property has 23 mortgages secured on it."

Weekend Money questioned the claims made by Castlegate about the safety of the investments last July and gave warning that investors were not protected.

Some people invested directly with Castlegate in the Capital Fund Owners Plan. Others invested through the directors of companies set up under the plan. This established lending companies for investors who were each asked to invest £250,000.

Castlegate applied for credit licences for the companies and then lent money as second, third and subsequent mortgages. Castlegate provided the administration service, checking the value of properties and making sure that mortgage payments were made.

Sorskys Specialised Financial Services, whose partners Harold Sorsky and Daniel Platt are joint administrative receivers of two Castlegate companies, Walford Finance and Brandon Finance, has found that many of the properties for which loans had been provided appeared to be substantially over-valued.

Sorskys were appointed by Allied Trust, which had lent £1,048,444 to the two companies. Sue Collins, of Sorskys, said that, in one case, Allied provided the funding for a second mortgage on a property which has a current value of £350,000 to £400,000.

The first mortgage through Nightingale Finance — another Castlegate company — is for £381,000. After Allied there are 19 other secured loans on the property, said Mrs Collins. Another property had 15 mortgages.

Of the 48 to 50 properties that had loans through Walford and Brandon, many have more than one charge on them. "Many have several loans made on the same date by other companies in the group. If we sell one of the properties it is difficult to know who should get the money if there are six charges on the same day," said Mrs Collins.

Another property, valued at £700,000 by Castlegate, had been given a current value of £350,000, said Mrs Collins. "The discrepancies are enormous. One property is valued at £400,000 and is now worth only £200,000."

Mrs Collins said she had received a large number of letters from individual investors who had set up pension schemes by putting their money in Castlegate companies. Others had invested their lifetime savings.

"They will mostly rank behind secured creditors. If they had a valid charge on a property they may get their money back."

One investor who contacted Weekend Money had saved for his retirement over a number of years through one of the companies. He had received regular interest statements but had made no withdrawals over the years.

The Bank of Scotland claims to have lost £10 million and National Home Loans has reported a loss of £3.5 million. National Westminster Bank is also owed money.

Many individuals fear that they have lost all or most of their savings. They have no chance of redress through the Investors Compensation Scheme, because Castlegate was, quite legally, not a member of any of the self-regulatory organisations.

The Times refused advertisements from the company when it was seeking new investors last summer. At the time, Castlegate wanted people with £250,000 to invest and promised a 20 per cent annual return. This could be earned by lending money on second and third mortgages.



Under investigation: Castlegate's offices in Reading

Pearl seeks the wisdom behind buying at top

By SARA MCCONNELL

THE question as to why the man in the street should always buy at the top of the market is being raised by Pearl Unit Trusts.

The short answer, says Pearl, is "no-one knows". It is partly to try and solve this and other issues that the company has launched an index of investor confidence.

Pearl, in association with Gallup, is intending to carry out a regular monthly survey to measure investors' changing attitudes towards potential investments in the stock market and in general.

The original survey, done in March, set a base of 100, which fell to 95.4 per cent in April, despite lower interest rates and a strong stock market.

As yet, there appears to be no answer to the behaviour of the man in the street. He is still hanging back, watching prices and stock market confidence rise and waiting to buy at the top.

The index is based on answers to two questions: whether the stock market is likely or very likely to rise in the next six months and over the next year. The average of the two responses is the basis of the index, the monthly progress of which will be sent to independent financial advisers and national newspapers.

Gallup will interview a nationally representative sample of about 2,000 people each month, 50 per cent of them personal investors. They all have a personal equity plan, tax exempt special savings scheme, shares, investment bonds or national savings, or a combination of these.

Mike Hare, head of unit trusts at Pearl, said: "Investors go into the market when it is about to fall. Why does investor confidence always lag behind the stockmarket? There is little reliable information on the attitudes of consumers towards investment or consumer expectations."

He added that the index was partly intended to show independent financial advisers which sections of the population needed most education about the advantages of medium- to long-term investment.

Women consumers need more help in this area than men, according to the first poll. Only 30 per cent of all women said the stockmarket was likely or very likely to rise in the next six months or a year, compared with 49 per cent of men. Women with investments were slightly more confident, with 39 per cent saying a stock market rise is on the cards. Men still outdid them, with 61 per cent of investors showing mild or strong confidence.

Labour voters were less certain about strong stock market performance with the economy still in the hands of the Conservatives. In April, only 41 per cent of Labour voters said a rise was likely or very likely, compared with 60 per cent of Conservatives. Confident Liberal Democrats were also in a minority, mustering 49 per cent.

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The rate will revert to 11.95 per cent in March next year and to the prevailing variable rate the following December. The variable mortgage rate is now 11.95 per cent.

Chase de Vere, the mortgage broker, is offering a variable 12.6 per cent, with a 2 per cent discount, in the first year for loans of up to 65 per cent of the property's value. The Birmingham Midshires building society is tempting first-time buyers with a 1 per cent discount until July 31 next year.

Rates are 12.2 per cent for loans of up to £40,000, 11.95 for £40,000 to £60,000 and 11.70 for more than £60,000. The Town & Country building society has extended its Homestart mortgage discount to all customers.

The 1.6 per cent discount on the mortgage rate is guaranteed up to a year after completion. This would make the Homestart rate 11.35 per cent. Alliance & Leicester has launched two mortgage packages, one for first-time buyers and one for movers.

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LETTERS

Watchdogs lack common sense

From Mr Malcolm Rose
Sir, Lindsay Cook is to be congratulated for highlighting the woeful inadequacy of Fimbra in her editorial headline "Fimbra fails to protect the elderly".

Her views are shared by many Fimbra members who, like ourselves, are thoroughly disgusted at the failure of Fimbra, SIB, Lautro and the rest who regularly and spectacularly fail to display even the tiniest vestige of common sense.

Of course, it is wrong to allow the elderly to gamble with their homes. It is quite ludicrous to try to protect the consumer by overloading him or her with buyer's guides, terms of business and worthless illustrations couched in a language that can only be understood by lawyers and actuaries.

If an adviser is authorised and recommends contracts bearing the imprint of a major and respectable institution, then it is only natural for the investor to take that contract at face value. To expect a non-specialist to read and *understand* the small print is naive in the extreme.

If Fimbra cannot ban its members from selling unsuitable products, then it is worse than useless. It is positively dangerous. And surely some of the blame, along with claims for compensation, should be directed at those shabby insurance companies who gleefully accepted this business? No doubt they will claim ignorance of the facts, despite policyholders' ages and withdrawal requirements being clearly shown on the application forms.

The Financial Services Act protects nobody, but merely provides employment for bureaucrats and lawyers. Yet the public can be protected cheaply by enacting simple legislation as follows:

1. No individual or company should be allowed to handle clients' money apart from licensed deposit takers, authorised insurance companies and other major financial institutions, unless they are fully bonded by a substantial insurer.

2. Some of the millions of pounds currently being wasted on regulation should be diverted to informing the public of the above.

3. Scrap all rules except "best advice" and make advisers justify all of their recommendations in writing. This should kill off investment bond based home income plans and the like once and for all.

We, and hundreds of other ethical advisers, have to pay thousands of pounds each year in membership fees and compliance in consequence of an act that protects nobody.
Yours faithfully,
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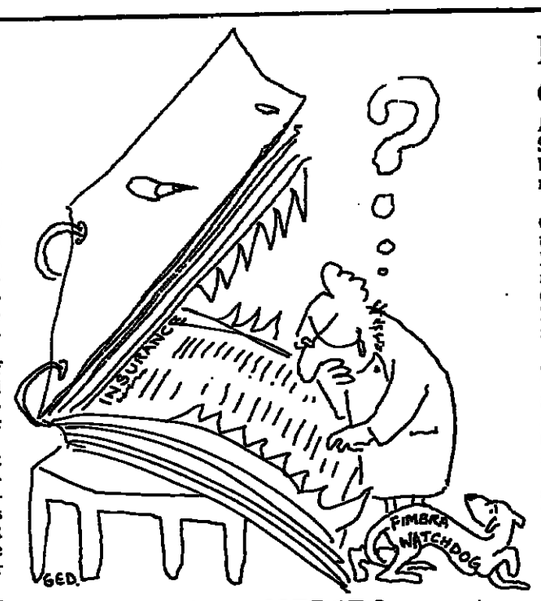
From Mrs Desrenée Irvine
Sir, Lindsay Cook in Comment (Weekend Money, April 27) is condescending and patronising in her attitude to pensioners when she makes the statement "a pensioner cannot be expected to understand complicated investment products".

From her comparatively youthful standpoint, she appears to make an all-too-common assumption by those who are younger, that anyone who is over 65 must be addled in the head.

She has chosen as the point of her article the plight of the elderly who have been taken in by some Fimbra members peddling investment bonds. There must be many more younger punters, perhaps a higher percentage of their age group, who have been just as stupid and incautiously greedy. Declining wits may have nothing to do with it.

I hazard a guess that 80 per cent of the population, young and old, do not understand the "complicated investment products". She, who is in that line of business, does, and will, when she becomes pensionable age.

Let her read her article again when she is 65 and see if she does not then agree.
Yours faithfully,
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Leven, Fife.



Bank charged son £375.17 for quarter

From Mrs Sheila Davis
Sir, I have just taken it upon myself to try to bring some order into my 23-year-old son's muddled financial life, starting by going through his recent bank statements.

These made enlightening reading! He has an agreed overdraft facility of £1,000 with his local NatWest Bank in Cockfosters, which he most unfortunately frequently exceeds.

Although he is in regular telephone contact with the under-manager, the bank has found it necessary to send him numerous letters (debiting his account with £15 each time) in order to inform him in writing of the facts just discussed on the telephone.

In addition, a mysterious £5 "research fee" appears on his statements on each of the following dates — 2nd, 3rd, 7th, 8th, 22nd, 23rd January and 6th, 12th, 13th, 14th, 19th, 21st February. Between December 1990 and March 1991 the bank has deducted a total of £375.17 from his account, being £161.17 interest charges and £194.00 the various other charges referred above. We start afresh on April 2 with an unpaid direct debit fee of £20.

Is this a record? I fear it most probably is not and that Sir George Blunden is going to have his work cut out to persuade banks or bank managers such as this of their "moral obligations"!
Yours faithfully,
SHEILA M. DAVIS,
The Spinney,
Beech Hill Avenue,
Hadley Wood,
Hertfordshire.

Managers have disappeared

From Mrs Katharine Graham
Sir, Do you know whether bank managers exist any more? If so, what do they do?

Forty-three years ago I opened an account at one of the main branches of a London clearing bank. For many years I knew the name of the manager and, before he left the branch I was invited to meet his successor.

In the last ten years this has changed — no longer do I know my manager's name for, if I do address a letter to him, as requested on the head of the bank's notepaper, he does not answer personally.

Sometimes, I get no acknowledgement at all, which is infuriating. If I am lucky, I may hear from someone with the title "assistant manager, customer services" — I wonder if this lack of communication and personal interest has something to do with the poor results declared by a number of the major banks?

Perhaps managers are all too busy entertaining their bad debtors to find time to deal with their customers who have small accounts in credit? Maybe there are no managers any longer, only faceless computers in their offices.
Yours in bewilderment,
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Wife's independence taxes traditional view of share dealing

From Mr Keith Gowen
Sir, Since the introduction of independent taxation, my wife is curious to know how she has suddenly come into all this money and why I keep taking it off her. I fear one of these days she is going to go totally independent because I have already had intimations of her way of thinking when it comes to the purchase and sale of shares.

She has recently put her foot down and won't allow me to sell shares in a certain public company because she likes the name and thinks they are a nice class of people, which they probably are.

Her loyalty was re-inforced the other morning when she spotted the managing director of this company asking for money (rights issue) on the Channel 4 Business Programme. He appeared to be an awfully nice man as he answered questions from that awfully nice young lady, Jane Alexander.

Taking one look at the gentleman, Dr Farmer of Morgan Crucible, my wife promised there and then that he could not only have her money but she would be prepared to pay more for his rights!

But unfortunately our little share portfolio includes companies whose names are not quite so enchanting as Dr Farmer's Morgan Crucible and before Finance Directors start rushing to their register of members to spot the philanthropic shareholder, I should perhaps warn them that my wife's choice of "nice names" is very selective.

As for myself, I am disposing of my pocket calculator, scrapping those calculations on the back of envelopes and giving up reading the financial press. The Footsie 100 is out and in its place we are compiling our own 100 "Footsie Nice Names". Who knows, it might set a trend and prove profitable.

But I do realize there are some sceptics among your readers who have still to hand over the purse strings and I can hear them wishing me well as they wave me goodbye!
Yours faithfully,
KEITH GOWEN,
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South Glamorgan.

Calculated statement

From Mr K. Watkins
Sir, Further to Mr Markson's letter (Weekend Money, April 20), it would be of assistance to bank and building society customers if interest calculations were also printed on statements.
Yours faithfully,
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Savers face charge for replacement of lost passbooks

By BARBARA ELLIS

SAVERS may soon have to start paying to replace lost or stolen passbooks if moves by the Abbey National bank and the Halifax Building Society are widely imitated.

The Abbey National ran a three-month experiment in Crouch End and Islington, in north London, charging customers £5 for replacements after a sharp rise in the number of people claiming to have lost books.

A spokesman said: "During the trial we found that 60 per cent of the people confronted with a possible charge would make another search and find the book. The other 40 per cent had no objection."

As a bank, the Abbey National was able to impose the charge at will, but left it to the managers' discretion. The spokesman said that the areas had not been chosen for the experiment because of a bad record of book losses.

Halifax savers are to be asked to vote on amendments to the society's rules at the annual meeting on May 20, which will allow for a charge to be made for a replacement.

A Halifax spokesman said that the society did not charge for replacements at present. "The rule is in there in case circumstances change and we want to fall back on it. We would not obviously make an unreasonable charge, but if someone ever did feel a charge was unreasonable they could go to the ombudsman."

The spokesman added that there was no reason to believe that the change of rule was signalling a big change in terms and practices for savers.

It would ensure that the society's internal rules lined up with the *Yellow Book* rules of the International Stock Exchange on admission of securities to listing, he said.

Another of the proposed amendments expanded the meaning of "passbook" to cover share certificates. He explained that this had been necessary as part of the society's preparations to issue permanent interest-bearing shares (Pibs).

The Nationwide Building Society is also planning to issue Pibs and amended its rules last July, but clearly separates passbooks from share certificates.

The present rules say that no charge other than "exceptional out-of-pocket expenses" is to be made for the issue of a new share certificate.

Savers have to confirm the loss of a passbook in writing and will be issued with a new one "on such terms as the board thinks fit". After consulting the society's lawyers, a Nationwide spokeswoman said this meant that no charge would be made for the replacement.

Abbey extends share dealing for customers

By SARA MCCONNELL

ABBEY National customers will be able to deal in a wider range of shares from this week, at branches and by post or telephone.

The existing sharedealing service has been extended to include BT, British Airways and BAA. Before, Abbey customers could deal in Abbey's own shares and regional electricty firms and generating companies. Abbey has linked with Sharelink, the execution only sharedealing service, and has written about it to 3.7 million shareholders.

The cheapest way to deal through the service is by post. A commission of £17.50 is charged for sales of shares up to £2,333. Shares with a value of between £2,334 and £5,000 attract a commission of 0.75 per cent and additional amounts over £5,000, 0.15 per cent. Shares sold or bought by phone cost £24.50 for up to £1,400; up to £2,500 worth of shares will attract a commission of 1.5 per cent and up to £5,000, 1.25 per cent. Family sales are cheaper still, calculated by adding up the total value of the transaction.

The Norwich and Peterborough building society is offering a cheap dealing service in Mirror Group shares through Waters Lunniss, its stockbroker, from around May 21 until June 7. Customers and non customers will pay £15 a deal. Up to four members of a family with the same surname will also be able to deal at this price if they each have letters of allocation.

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April	0.621	0.559	0.482	0.386	0.345
May	0.610	0.552	0.477	0.380	0.343
June	0.605	0.549	0.473	0.377	0.344
July	0.605	0.540	0.475	0.380	0.347
August	0.604	0.534	0.461	0.376	0.343
September	0.605	0.527	0.458	0.377	0.337
October	0.597	0.521	0.449	0.375	0.335
November	0.590	0.516	0.445	0.370	0.323
Dececember	0.593	0.512	0.446	0.368	0.319
	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991
January	0.314	0.272	0.184	0.100	0.009
February	0.309	0.267	0.175	0.093	0.004
March	0.306	0.262	0.170	0.082	-
April	0.291	0.242	0.150	0.050	-
May	0.289	0.237	0.143	0.041	-
June	0.289	0.233	0.139	0.037	-
July	0.291	0.231	0.138	0.036	-
August	0.287	0.218	0.135	0.026	-
September	0.283	0.212	0.127	0.016	-
October	0.277	0.200	0.118	0.008	-
November	0.271	0.195	0.109	0.011	-
December	0.272	0.191	0.106	0.012	-

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1	+7	v	+4	+4	+3		
2	+5	v	+2	+7	+5		
3	+5	v	+1	+4	+8		
4	+7	v	+4	+3	+6		
5	+5	v	+2	+5	+7		
6	+5	v	+1	+7	+4		
7	+3	v	+2	+3	+6		
8	+8	v	+5	+3	+4		
9	+4	v	+2	+5	+9		
10	+2	v	+2	+2	+7		
11	+4	v	+1	+4	+7		
12	+5	v	+2	+5	+9		
13	+3	v	+1	+3	+7		
14	+3	v	+2	+8	+4		
15	+7	v	+4	+4	+3		
16	+4	v	+1	+5	+7		
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18	+6	v	+1	+4	+8		
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35	+6	v	+5	+3	+4		
36	+3	v	+1	+3	+6		
37	+5	v	+2	+7	+4		
38	+3	v	+1	+3	+5		
39	+6	v	+1	+6	+8		
40	+2	v	+2	+3	+6		
41	+7	v	+3	+3	+3		
42	+5	v	+1	+5	+8		
43	+3	v	+3	+4	+5		
44	+3	v	+1	+8	+3		

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CRICKET

Kent rekindle their hopes of gaining quarter-final place

By RICHARD STREETON

CANTERBURY: Kent (2pts) beat Sussex by four wickets

UNDER black, threatening clouds, Chris Cowdrey, with a disciplined 57 not out, steered Kent to victory with two balls to spare in this group C Benson and Hedges Cup match yesterday, which had been halted by rain on Thursday. It was a timely success for Kent, which keeps alive their chances of reaching the quarter-final round.

Group C remains wide open and could even be decided on run-rate should three sides finish level on six points, although Lancashire remain favourites.

Kent's performances so far in the competition have been uneven. They began by beating Leicestershire after they made a county record score of 297 for five, before they found DeFreitas and Allott too much for them at Old Trafford.

In this match Kent's more seasoned side performed more reliably at key moments. Parker carefully juggled his mostly inexperienced attack and Salisbury, in particular, had his moments. On a reliable pitch, however, Kent paced their innings shrewdly as they set out to make 219 and at least the close finish compensated a sparse crowd in a bitterly cold wind.

Benson and Taylor gave Kent an ideal foundation with an opening stand of 58 before North flattened Taylor's off stump as he pushed forward. Benson was bowled as he tried to drive Sainsbury in the leg spinner's first over. Graham Cowdrey and Ward made useful contributions but the game did not swing towards Kent until Chris Cowdrey was joined by Wells in a decisive sixth-wicket stand.

Kent needed 62 from the final ten overs and this had shrunk to 18 from 15 balls when Wells was dismissed. He moved out to a quicker ball from Salisbury and was stumped. Nothing perturbed the older Cowdrey, who reached his half-century in 54 balls, finished with four fours and received the gold award.

Sussex were 120 for four overnight and from the 21 overs they had left managed another 98 runs, which never seemed likely to be quite enough. Wells, on Thursday, had pulled them round from a looming crisis at 18 for three but he resumed in a tentative mood and was possibly left unsettled after North was run out in the first over. Wells played Ealham towards square leg and North had little chance to beat Fleming's throw after being sent back.

Salisbury and Donelan added 27 from the final four overs to give Sussex more hope than might have been the case.

SUSSEX

D M Smith lbw b Iggleden	4
J W Hall lbw b Ellison	8
*P W G Parker lbw b Ellison	1
A P Wells c and b Ealham	66
M P Speight run out	35
J A North run out	13
†P W Moores c Ellison b Fleming	20
A C S Pigott b Iggleden	16
I D K Salisbury not out	17
B T P Donelan not out	8
Extras (b 1, lb 23, w 5, nb 1)	30
Total (8 wkts, 55 overs)	218

A N Jones did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-12, 2-17, 3-18, 4-101, 5-122, 6-153, 7-183, 8-191.

BOWLING: Ellison 11-5-19-2; Iggleden 11-2-35-2; Ealham 11-0-46-1; Merrick 11-0-53-0; Fleming 11-0-41-1.

KENT

*M R Benson b Salisbury	28
N R Taylor b North	27
T R Ward c Wells b Salisbury	38
G R Cowdrey c Moore b Pigott	18
C S Cowdrey not out	57
M V Fleming c Smith b Jones	0
†V J Wells c Moores b Salisbury	25
R M Ellison not out	7
Extras (lb 16, w 11, nb 1)	28
Total (5 wkts, 54.4 overs)	222

T A Merrick, A P Iggleden and M A Ealham did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-58, 2-62, 3-111, 4-153, 5-154, 6-201.

BOWLING: Jones 10.4-1-41-1; Pigott 11-1-41-1; Donelan 11-0-54-0; North 11-1-30-1; Salisbury 11-0-40-3.

Gold Award: C S Cowdrey.

Umpires: A A Jones and M J Kitchen.

Malcolm and Lewis cheer the selectors

THE England cricket selectors yesterday received encouraging health bulletins on two of the players they no doubt hope will feature prominently in this summer's Test series (Geoffrey Wheeler writes).

Devon Malcolm, who has been troubled by a shoulder strain, is expected to play his first game of the season for Derbyshire in the Benson and Hedges Cup game against Worcestershire, while fears that Chris Lewis might have a recurrence of a stress fracture in his back have been dispelled by a scan, although he will not be risked in Leicestershire's group C match against Lancashire, the holders.

Hampshire, who have already qualified for the quarter-finals, will be assured of home advantage at that stage if they maintain their 100 per cent record today at Yorkshire's expense.

If today's programme of cup games does not meet serious interference from the weather, there will no first-class cricket anywhere in the country on Monday, the result of the Test and County Cricket Board's strange reluctance to make use of the bank holiday.

The Americanisation of Wembley

EMMA THOMPSON

DURING one of those moments in American football when the players and their gum-chewing retinues huddle together to have a little chat, the scoreboards at Wembley Stadium, which are changed whenever possible in order to display advertisements, proclaimed the following: *"American Adventure Theme Park – located between Derby and Nottingham."* Never mind about "between Derby and Nottingham" – an American Adventure Theme Park has been well and truly located between the totemic twin towers.

You do not just get a game of American football when you go to see American football. You get America. For a start, there is an American who does an admittedly helpful tannoyed voice-over throughout the game; but he cannot just explain play, he has also to be a commercial radio disc jockey. He is the medium for the London Monarchs' ever-willing spring of gratitude towards their numerous "official" sponsors and "official" suppliers.

From what Mr Voice-over told me last Sunday I have a detailed impression of a typical Monarchs' day, spent listening to Capital Radio ("official station"), drinking Budweiser ("official beer") and eating Kentucky Fried Chicken ("official sponsor"). I imagine these men united by the fact that none of them could ever pass for ordinary people. Where, for example, do they all live? I see them always all together, cynosures of their Richard Attenborough-crowd-scene-size retinue, parading around in their surreal garb (top half: grounded astronaut; bottom half: the Beau Brummell Sportswear range), landscaping their Martin Offiah haircuts, studying hard for their doctorates. I assume the doctorate because the complexity of American football set plays is such that Michael Ignatieff is considering a programme about them, the main dialectical thrust of which will derive from a debate between George Steiner and "The Fridge".

Mr Voice-over is not to be blamed for the fact that American football is a sport that has evolved around the concept of the commercial break. The frequency with which these breaks occur – an Americanism in itself – clears the way for more Americanisms; the game stops, the players either go into one of their bulky huddles or just stand around and wait to start playing again, and for two minutes the alternative show takes over. The music starts; Springsteen, Queen. The important thing is the big butch drum beat that rouses the crowd, John Philip Sousa for people who wear Ray-bans.

On with the dancing girls. They, the cheerleaders, have been standing with their feet turned out, pom-poms demurely behind their backs, but they are galvanised by the sudden musical onslaught. As the drums thud and pulse, so they step and place their neat little trotters like women at a Rosemary Conley keep-fit class. The music always stops before they reach the end of their routine. They shuffle feet and pom-poms and look like people caught playing a tennis racket in front of their mirror, who then try to pretend that they were just checking the strings.

To be fair, the cheerleaders, plus the sundry actors wearing Pink Panther and Betty Boop costumes, do also initiate Mexican waves, chants, cheers and so forth. As with the man in the white suit who led the singing at the Rugby League Challenge Cup final, you wonder how they could, but people seem to go along with it. Indeed, people seem to go along with the whole American football package. The game is enjoyed despite its complexities and constant stopping and starting. People are no doubt responding to the Americanism of The Undefeatable Side; the Monarchs certainly make a change from our favoured Dunkirk style of national performance.

But what people seem to like is the whole package. Britons have always been scathing about the Barnum and Bailey way in which Americans treat things; but although we could never initiate all that razzmatazz, our love of corporate showing-off means that we are quite happy to go along with it. At American football, showing-off is rewarded with a smile, not an Ayckbourn grimace. The more Mexican waves you do, the more important a supporter you are, and the more you deserve a field goal, a kiss from Betty Boop, a can of Coke and a big sausage.

I had thought that people would be resistant to a new sport of whose culture they knew little. In fact, elements of the culture of American football have been wafting around us for perhaps a decade. The culture of tough street fashion meets sporting wholesomeness: fast food and soft drinks; designer trainers and baseball caps; the visceral coupling of young man's music and young man's sport; the cool black sportsmen who look like pop stars who look like sportsmen. All this; plus the thrill of belonging to an exclusive club, of subscribing to a minor sport that, at the same time, occupies such a major imagistic stage.

GUIDE TO THE WEEKEND FIXTURES

FOOTBALL

3.00 unless stated

Barclays League

First division

Chelsea v Liverpool
Coventry v Sheffield Utd
Derby County v Southampton
Everton v Luton
Leeds Utd v Aston Villa
Manchester Utd v Manchester C
Norwich v QPR
Sunderland v Arsenal (all ticket, 5.20)
Tottenham v Nottm Forest
Wimbledon v Crystal Palace

Second division

Blackburn v Wolves
Bristol C v Port Vale
Charlton v West Ham
Hull v Plymouth
Ipswich v Leicester
Middlesbrough v Brighton
Notts County v Oldham
Oxford v Watford
Portsmouth v Bristol R
Sheffield Wed v Millwall
Swindon v Barnsley
West Bromwich v Newcastle

Third division

Birmingham v Shrewsbury
Brentford v Tranmere
Bury v Southend
Chester v Crewe
Exeter v Fulham
Leyton Orient v Reading
Mansfield v Huddersfield
Rotherham v Cambridge
Stoke v Grimsby
Swansea v Bolton
Wigan v Bradford

Fourth division

Aldershot v Walsall
Carlisle v Torquay
Doncaster v Chesterfield
Hereford v Hartlepool
Maidstone v Scarborough
Peterborough v Cardiff
Rochdale v Burnley
Scunthorpe v Darlington
Wrexham v Gillingham
York v Stockport

GM Vauxhall Conference

Altrincham v Boston
Barrow v Welling
Bath v Macclesfield
Colchester v Kidderminster
Fisher Ath v Barnet
Gateshead v Merthyr
Kettering v Yeovil
Northwich v Cheltenham
Sutton Utd v Runcorn
Telford v Slough
Wycombe v Stafford R

FA VASE: Final: Gresley R v Guiseley (at Wembley).

VAUXHALL LEAGUE: Premier division: Basingstoke v Kingstonian; Bishop's Stortford v Staines; Bognor v Redbridge Forest; Carshalton v Enfield; Dagenham v Barking; Grays v Wokingham; Hayes v Aylesbury; Marlow v Hendon; St Albans v Wivenhoe; Windsor and Eton v Harrow; Woking v Leyton-Wingate. First division: Aveley v Worthing; Boreham Wood v Croydon; Chesham v Metropolitan Police; Dorking v Bromley; Dulwich v Yeading; Harlow v Hitchin; Lewes v Chelsea; St Peter; Southwick v Haybridge Swifts; Tooting and Mitcham v Wembley; Uxbridge v Walton and Hersham; Whyteleafe v Molesey. Second division north: Collier Row v Purfleet; Edgware v Berkhamsted; Hemel Hempstead v Barton; Kingsbury v Hertford; Rainham v Royston; Saffron Walden v Finchley; Stevenage Borough v Billericay; Vauxhall Motors v Tring; Ware v Tilbury; Witham v Clapton. Second division south: Abingdon v Epsom and Ewell; Camberley v Hungerford; Chertsey v Flackwell Heath; Egham v Feltham; Hampton v Eastbourne; Horsham v Banstead Athletic; Horsham v Malden Vale; Leatherhead v Maidenhead; Newbury v Bracknell; Ruislip Manor v Petersfield; Southall v Cove.

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: Atherstone v Famborough; Bashley v Weymouth; Bromsgrove v Gloucester; Burton v Rushden; Cambridge City v Halesowen; Dorchester v Chelmsford; Dover v Wealdstone; Poole v Crawley; Waterlooville v VS Rugby; Worcester v Moor Green. Midland division: Alvechurch v Hednesford; Barry v Leicester Utd; Bridgnorth v King's Lynn; Corby v Stroud; Dudley v Sutton Coldfield; Hinckley v Spalding; Newport AFC v Bedworth; RC Warwick v Willenhall; Redditch v Grantham. Southern division: Andover v Baldock; Buckingham v Ashford; Canterbury v Corinthian, Erith and Belvedere v Newport, IoW; Fareham v Margate; Gosport Borough v Witney; Hastings v Trowbridge; Sudbury v Hythe; Yate v Bury.

HFS LOANS LEAGUE: Premier division: Bangor City v Gainsborough; Frickley v Matlock; Goole v Fleetwood; Horwich v Moesley; Marine v Witton; Morecambe v Droylsden, Shepshed v Chorley; South Liverpool v Bishop Auckland; Stalybridge v Southport. First division: Alfreton v Netherfield; Bridlington Town v Congleton; Caernarfon v Curzon Ashton; Eastwood Town v Whitley Bay; Emley v Rhyl; Farsley Celtic v Newtown; Harrogate v Workington; Lancaster v Rossendale; Winsford v Accrington Stanley; Worksop v Irlam.

OVENDEN PAPERS COMBINATION: Arsenal v Oxford; Queen's Park Rangers v Southampton (2.00).

BASS IRISH CUP: Final: Glenavon v Portadown (at Windsor Park).

JEWSON EASTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: Braintree v Watton; Chatteris v Clacton; Gorleston v Haverhill; Histon v Wroxham; Newmarket v Felixstowe.

BASS NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Bacup Borough v Knowsley; Clitheroe v Leyland DAF; Colwyn Bay v Fixton; Darwen v Atherton LR; Eastwood Hanley v Ashton Utd; Penrith v Nantwich, Vauxhall GM v Skelmersdale.

ABACUS WELSH LEAGUE: National division: Abergavenny v Briton Ferry; Ammanford v Afan Lido; Haverfordwest v Brecon.

NORTHERN LEAGUE: First division: Alnwick v Gretna; Consett v Billingham Synthonia; Northallerton v Newcastle Blue Star; Seaham Red Star v Stockton; Shildon v Blyth Spartans.

LONDON OLD BOYS LEAGUE: Premier division: Cardinal Manning Old Boys v Old Meadonians, Glyn Old Boys v Enfield Old Grammarian.

WEEKLY WYNNER LEAGUE: Premier division: Armthorpe Welfare v North Shields; Denaby v Harrogate Railway; Maltby MW v North Ferriby; Spennymoor v Brigg.

RUGBY UNION

Pilkington Cup

Final

Harlequins v Northampton (at Twickenham, 3.00)

Schweppes Welsh Cup

Final

Llanelli v Pontypool (at Cardiff, 3.00)

SCOTLAND: Sevens tournaments: Cumnock, Jed Thistle, Howe of Fife, Langholm, Walkerburn.

CRICKET

Benson and Hedges Cup

11.00, 55 overs

CARDIFF: Glamorgan v Nottinghamshire.
HEADINGLEY: Yorkshire v Hampshire.
HOVE: Sussex v Scotland.
LEICESTER: Leicestershire v Lancashire.
LORD'S: Middlesex v Warwickshire
NORTHAMPTON: Northamptonshire v Combined Universities.
TAUNTON: Somerset v Surrey.
WORCESTER: Worcestershire v Derbyshire.

HOCKEY

COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP: Preliminary round: Army v Worcestershire (Aldershot, 3.00); Lancashire v Dorset (Prescot, 11.30); Cambridgeshire v Middlesex (Peterborough, 2.30).

OTHER SPORT

ATHLETICS: BSSF championships (Sheffield).
BOWLS: County matches: Cambridgeshire v Nottinghamshire; Hampshire v Metropolitan Police, Hertfordshire v Sussex, Wiltshire v Berkshire.
EQUESTRIANISM: Badminton Horse Trials.

BANK HOLIDAY TRY THIS

Denis Tingay's suggestions for the bank holiday weekend

SURFING: Body Glove English national championships: England's premiere surfing venue, the Fistral beach in Newquay, stages the event that not only decides the national titles but also acts as final selection for the English team that will attend the European championships at Lacanau, France, in September.

Among the expected large entry are three European champions; Russell Winter, junior, Eden Bunberry, women's, and Rodney Sumpter, Longboard. Ten categories of competition will take place, each with a national title at stake. The event starts today at 9am and continues throughout tomorrow (8am) and Monday (9.30am).

EVENT DETAILS: Newquay, on Cornwall's north coast, is reached by taking the Exeter turn-off of the M5 onto the A30 Oakhampton Road, which then passes Bodmin, from where Newquay is clearly signposted. Fistral Beach is the west-facing beach of the town. Viewing is free.

BASEBALL: National League: The National Division, consisting of eight teams selected on proven records, will play its second league programme tomorrow in the inaugural league season.

The teams have been drawn from the eight established regional leagues, and the games, all starting at 2.30pm, include Essex Arrows v London Athletics (Townmead, Booker Rd, Waltham Abbey); Nottingham Hornets v Cambridge Royals (Wilford SC, West Bridgford); Humberside Mets v Nottingham Pirates (Centre of Excellence, Hull) and Liverpool Tigers v Enfield Spartans (Chequer Lane playing field, Skelmersdale).

Games will be played over nine innings, except for double-headers, which will have two seven-inning games.

SKIING: All England championships: Among the honours to be earned over the weekend are an assortment of national titles as well as the national squad selection, due to be made at the end of the month.

Strong candidates for the titles are Debbie Pratt (women's), already an England team member, and Chris Blagden and Stephen Edwards in the seniors, both of whom are already part of the British development squad.

Competition starts today at 10am with the children's (under-11) tournament, followed by the club event. Involving 20 four-man teams. The junior (11-19 years) category competes all day tomorrow, starting at 10.40am, with the championship reaching its highlight on bank holiday Monday, when the seniors compete for individual and relay distinction.

EVENT DETAILS: The venue for the weekend is the Sunderland ski centre, which can be reached by taking the A690 Durham to Sunderland road, turning right at a roundabout adjacent to the Double Maxim public house. The centre is clearly signposted by Tourist Board brown signs. Admission is free, with ample parking and refreshment facilities available.

TOMORROW

FOOTBALL

B and Q Scottish League Premier division

Celtic v St Mirren (3.00)

RUGBY LEAGUE

STONES BITTER PREMIERSHIP: Semi-finals: Hull v Leeds (5.30); Widnes v Featherstone (3.00) Second division: Play-offs: Semi-finals: Halifax v Leigh (1.00); Salford v Workington (3.00).

REPRESENTATIVE MATCH: Scottish Students v English Students (at Aberdeen).

CRICKET

Refuge Assurance League

2.00, 40 overs

BRISTOL: Gloucestershire v Worcestershire.
CANTERBURY: Kent v Warwickshire.
CARDIFF: Glamorgan v Nottinghamshire.
CHELMSFORD: Essex v Leicestershire
DERBY: Derbyshire v Hampshire.
LORD'S: Middlesex v Northamptonshire.

HOCKEY

COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP: Quarter-finals: Somerset v Army or Worcestershire (Bristol University, 4.30); Yorkshire v Lancashire or Dorset (Sheffield, 2.30); Essex v Cambridgeshire or Middlesex (Chigwell, 2.30); Kent v Warwickshire (Canterbury, 2.30).

OTHER SPORT

ATHLETICS: BSSF championships (Sheffield).
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EQUESTRIANISM: Badminton Horse Trials.
HANG GLIDING: Men's championship round (Mid Wales).
SHOOTING: English championships (Bisley).
SKIING: All England championships (Sunderland ski centre).
SNOOKER: Embassy world championship (Crucible Theatre, Sheffield).
SURFING: Body Glove English national championships (Fistral Beach, Newquay).
SWIMMING: Speedo Meet (Cardiff).

GOLF: Lytham Trophy (Lytham St Annes); Berkshire Trophy (The Berkshire).
HANG GLIDING: Men's British championship round (Mid-Wales).
ORIENTEERING: British championships (Alnwick)
ROWING: Power sprint (Peterborough).
SHOOTING: English championship (Bisley), Army Target Rifle Club championship (Bisley).
SKIING: All England championships (Sunderland ski centre).
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Cooke defeats second seed

By RICHARD EATON

ALAN Cooke scored one of the best English victories in the world championships for 30 years when he saved six match points in Chiba, Japan, yesterday to defeat Mikael Appelgren, the European champion and second seed, in the first round.

The score was 21-12, 21-19, 14-21, 24-26, 23-21 and, after missing two match points to win in the fourth game, the England No. 2 was 14-20 down in the fifth. Cooke, however, had a formula for success.

The left-handed Swede likes to play at half-distance, often therefore not applying the early-ball pressure with which leading players can force Cooke away from the table into a more passive position.

Cooke took advantage of this by projecting with forehand loop attacks into the backhand, eliciting defensive replies. This helped shave four points off the deficit, and then his opponent appeared to grow anxious.



Cooke: wins and loses

Appelgren tried two forehand attacks which both missed, and Cooke finished off the most *startling victory of his career* with a fast forehand winner.

"I always felt I could beat him, especially after winning the first two games," Cooke said.

During those two, Appelgren, who was in the Swedish team that retained the world title three days ago, was given a code of conduct warning for hitting his bat on the table in frustration.

The Swede, too, knew that Cooke could win because the Englishman's record against him is good. They have met in the Swedish league and their head-to-head tally stands at 7-7.

Cooke suffered badly blistered feet during his triumph and later lost to Lee Chol Seung, of Korea.

However, the success may help him greatly at a crossroads in his career.

He recently decided to return to play in Sweden next season after two years in England during which he feels his standard has stood still.

The England men's singles hopes now rest with Carl Prean, the national champion, and Chen Xinhua, a past World Cup winner, who both reached the last 32 with two wins and play respectively Jean-Michel Saive, of Belgian, and Zoran Primorac, of Yugoslavia, each the No. 1 of his country.

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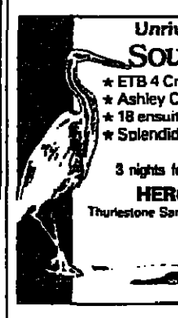
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EQUESTRIANISM

Confident Thomson opens strongly with pair of kings

By JENNY MACARTHUR

MARY Thomson, the national champion, who is seeking her first Badminton win, took a commanding lead on King Boris at the end of the dressage phase of the Whitbread Championships yesterday.

Helen Bell, aged 26, a former national young riders champion has moved into second place on Troubleshooter, ahead of David O'Connor, of the United States, Thursday's overnight leader.

Thomson's test on the 12-year-old King Boris was calm but active, and deservedly had high marks from all three judges. Dr Bernt Springorum, of Germany, who does not give away marks lightly, awarded the pair nine out of ten for their halt and reinback.

Thomson, who is also lying fifth, on King William, is in a confident frame of mind for today's speed and endurance phase. This is her fourth Badminton with King Boris. At their first attempt, in 1988, they fell at the Normandy Bank. The following year they were runners-up and last year they finished third. Today Thomson intends to take most of the quick routes on the four-and-a-half-mile cross country course. "Boris is very straight and true and stays on his line," she said yesterday.

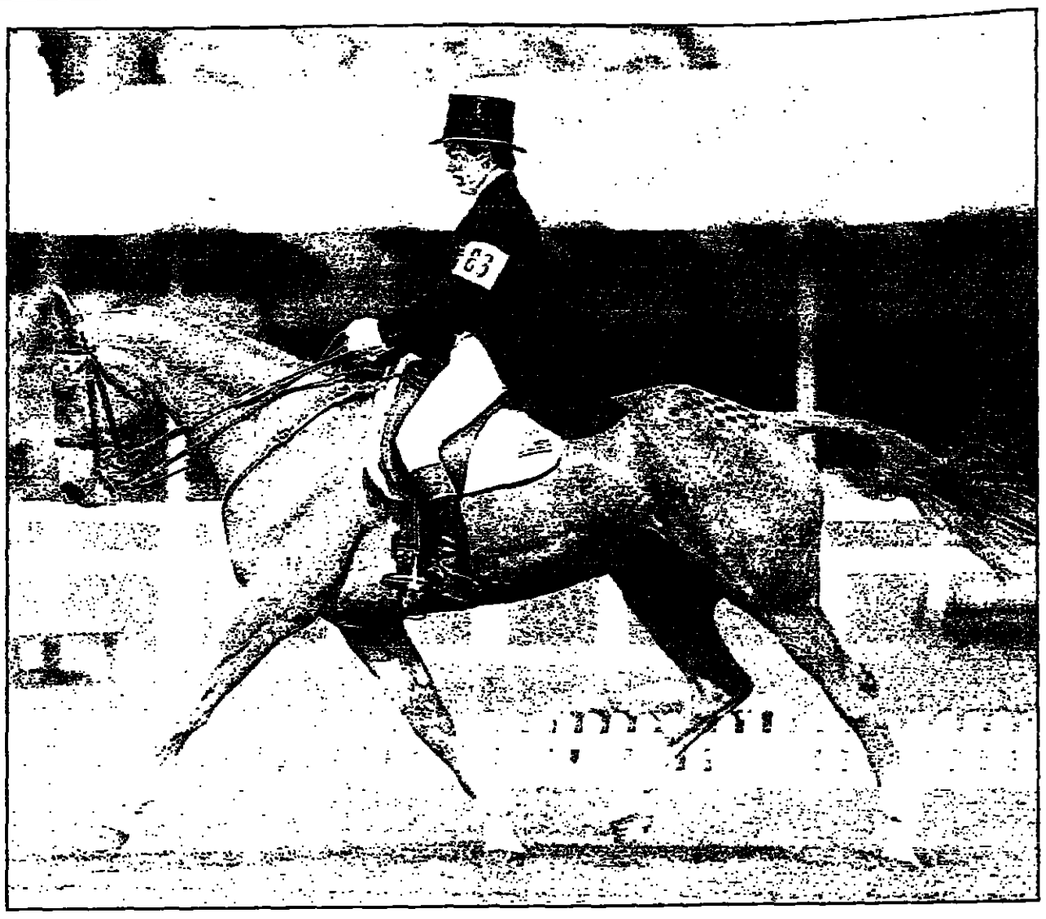
Other good tests came from Susanna Macaire and Master Marius, who are determined to compensate today for their fall in the water at the World championships last summer, and Jemima Johnson on Timber Rua.

The overall standard of dressage this year was low — the wind and the tense atmosphere in the arena producing a number of disappointing tests. Chief among these was Blyth Tait and Messiah, the world champions from New Zealand and the pre-event favourites. The 12-year-old Messiah had been working perfectly in the practice ring, but once inside the arena could not contain his exuberance.

Ian Stark, lying fourth on Murphy Himself, also had a disappointing test on his second ride, Glenburnie, on which he is lying eighteenth equal. But he and Tait are both likely to improve their positions today over the big, galloping cross country course which suits their horses.

The course is less technical than last year and has been acclaimed by many of the leading riders — to the consternation of Hugh Thomas, the designer, who prefers it to instill a measure of alarm.

DRESSAGE RESULTS: (GB unless stated): 1, King Boris (M Thomson) 44.4; 2, Troubleshooter (H Bell) 49.8; 3, Wilton Fair (D O'Connor, US) 51.4; 4, Murphy Himself (I Stark) 52.2; 5, King William (Thomson) 52.4; 6, The Irishman (R Powell) 54.8; 7, Bristol's Kilmacthomas (E Sabbe, Neth) 57.0; 8, Ballycotton (A Harris) 57.8; 9, Dunl-Barnhardtino (S Lidbeck, Swe) 58.0; equal 10, Just An Ace (M Todd, NZ) and Master Marius (S Macaire) 58.2.



Grace under pressure: Tekainga Fred and Greg Watson striving to impress the judges at Badminton yesterday

POLO

Panthers finish as deserving winners

By JOHN WATSON

THE semi-finals of the medium-goal Tyro Cup at Ambersham, Sussex, yesterday, resulted in a 5½-5 win for Panthers (received ½) against Cowdray Park and an 11-6 victory for Broncos against Frasers. The final is on Monday.

Panthers first improved on their half-goal handicap advantage as the bell rang to close the first chukka, and, with the Seavill brothers running circles round the opposition, made it 2½-0 at the start of the second.

Roberts played back for them with much tactical verve, while Fane had considerable success in curbing Cowdray's seven-goaler, Paul Withers. The fourth chukka went Cowdray's way, and with a runaway goal from a melee by their No. 3, Chris Bethell, and two penalty conversions from Withers they were ahead, at one point, at 4-3½. But Fane put Panthers ahead again and though it was neck-and-neck to the end, the Panthers, all playing well up to handicap, deserved their win.

PANTHERS: 1, T Fane (2); 2, C Seavill (4); 3, A Seavill (3); Back, W Roberts (3). COWDRAY PARK: 1, C Fraser (2); 2, C Bethell (4); 3, P Withers (7); Back, Hon C Pearson (2). BRONCOS: 1, G Farley (1); 2, W Lucas (6); 3, S Ezcurra (6); Back, Lord Milford Haven (2). FRASERS: 1, G Roddick (1); 2, J Lucas (5); 3, J Hipwood (6); Back, C Emson (1).

Reformed Rock Hopper has Coronation objective

By RICHARD EVANS

A REFORMED equine lunatic, who used to have his own padded cell, won the General Accident Jockey Club Stakes at Newmarket yesterday to complete a big-race double for Michael Stoute.

Rock Hopper was such a handful as a three-year-old that he was kept in a special rubber-padded box to prevent him injuring himself. The Shareef Dancer colt had so much energy that he used to throw himself around his box and try and kick it to pieces, according to Joe Mercer, racing manager to the horse's owner, Maktoum Al-Maktoum.

In fairness, Rock Hopper's harum-scarum conduct was no reflection of his racing ability and he was favourite for last year's Derby before sustaining a hairline fracture to a cannon bone.

While Stoute remains convinced Rock Hopper would have had an outstanding chance in the Epsom classic, the enforced absence has proved a blessing in disguise. "He works a lot better and he has grown up mentally," the trainer said.

All Rock Hopper's energies are now concentrated into smashing his opponents rather than his home. Above all, the four-year-old possesses a devastating turn of foot.

Having won the John Porter Stakes at Newbury two weeks ago in impressive style, Pat Eddery was more than happy to hold up Rock Hooper yesterday as Mukddaam, Sesame and Karinga Bay challenged for the lead.

When the champion jockey made his move a furlong out, Rock Hopper passed his rivals in a trice. Indeed, he was almost too quick. Having the race won, Rock Hopper started to put his head in the air and had only a neck to spare over Mountain Kingdom, who finished late and fast from an almost impossible position on the rails.

The Coronation Cup at Epsom is the next objective for Stoute's star. The Derby meeting could be the target for several of the Newmarket trainer's horses which are running so well at present.

Peking Opera is already second favourite for the Derby and Walim entered classic calculations yesterday after galloping his four opponents into submission in the Newmarket Stakes. "The further he goes, the better he will be. He stays really well and is in all the Derby trials," Stoute said.

Mujaazif is another potential Derby candidate for the master of Freemason Lodge. The winner of last season's Royal Lodge Stakes runs in the 2,000 Guineas this afternoon. Stoute hopes Mujaazif might sneak a place, but believes Marju will provide John Dunlop, Willie Carson and Sheikh Hamdan Al-Maktoum with a Guineas double.

Shadayid, winner of the fillies' classic on Thursday, has come out of the race well and Dunlop believes she will go for the Oaks, for which she is a 5-2 favourite. "Sheikh Hamdan does not want to make up his mind quite yet, but I would guess it will be the Oaks," the Arundel trainer said.

Peter Chandler has had a dream start as a racehorse owner. Paris House, named after his restaurant on the Woburn Estate, is unbeaten after four starts but the Jack Berry-trained two-year-old had to pull out all the stops to hold off Branston Abby in the opening Arlington Auction Stakes.

Domicksky had to survive a steward's enquiry, lasting 20 minutes, before being confirmed as the winner of the Eastern Electricity Handicap.

Mick Ryan's three-year-old interfered with Lamarsh after taking the lead half a furlong from the winning post, but the stewards decided the interference was accidental and had not improved the winner's placing.

Marling is one of Geoff Wragg's best two-year-olds since Amaranda and is now on course for the Queen Mary Stakes at Royal Ascot after an impressive debut in the Wilbraham Maiden Fillies' Stakes. The Lomond filly displayed a fine burst of speed to sweep past three horses in the final furlong, including Ben Hanbury's useful newcomer, Twafeaj.

Merryhill Maid, known as Daisy at home, clearly appreciates Newmarket's wide expanses. Having won a 21-runner claiming race over the Rowley course by five lengths last November she returned yesterday to capture the Burwell Handicap a shade cosily from long-time leader Gorinsky.

She is trained at Melton Mowbray by Jimmy Harris, the former jumps jockey who has been confined to a wheelchair following a dreadful fall 20 years ago.

Strike The Gold drawn well in Kentucky Derby

THE 117th running of the Kentucky Derby, at Churchill Downs tonight, is one of the most open for years, with four horses vying for favouritism in the "Run For The Roses."

Fly So Free has been favourite for this event virtually ever since his victory in the Breeders' Cup Juvenile last October, but his campaign met with a hiccup in Keeneland's Blue Grass Stakes three weeks ago, when he was beaten three lengths by Strike The Gold.

That defeat was blamed on the soft going and connections are hopeful of reversing the placings tonight. However, the colt has been drawn the disadvantageous No 1 stall, while Strike The Gold is much better placed, drawn five.

The Californian hope Best Pal, trained by the English-born Ian Jory, has also been given a hard draw, wide on the outside in 15, while the fourth major contender, Hansel, who has impressed in recent trackwork, runs from the stall next to Strike The Gold.

The chances of the remaining 12 runners are not obvious and Strike The Gold must have a fine chance of confirming his superiority over Fly So Free and give trainer Nick Zito and jockey Chris Antley their first Kentucky Derby.

RESULTS FROM YESTERDAY'S THREE MEETINGS

Newmarket

Going: good

2.00 (5f) 1, PARIS HOUSE (J Carroll, 4-6 fav); 2, Branston Abby (Pat Eddery, 5-1); 3, Spanish Storm (Paul Eddery, 5-1). ALSO RAN: 6 Tagatea (6th), 12 Bella Risk, 20 Swan Star, 25 Penny Drops (5th), 33 Certain Lady, Kipini (4th) 9 ran. NR: Miss Nosey Parker, Nedler. Sh hd, 7l, hd, 1l, 1½l J Berry at Cockerham Tote: £1.60; £1.20, £1.50, £1.40. DF: £2.30. CSF: £5.44. 1min 00.63sec

2.35 (1m) 1, DOMICKSKY (G Carter, 13-2); 2, Mystic Crystal (A Munro, 11-1); 3, World's Creation (D Holland, 16-2). ALSO RAN: 7-2 fav Chettam Island, Lamarsh (5th), 8 Swift Sword (4th), 10 Dumeltor, 12 Dom Wac, Cuastee Sound, 16 Sir Bancroft (6th), 25 Solde, 11 ran. NR: Tumble Twist. Nk, 2l, hd, nk, ½l, M Ryan at Newmarket. Tote: £9.90; £1.90, £2.90, £3.70. DF: £48.90. CSF: £88.04. Tricast: £499.08. 1min 39.05sec. After a stewards' enquiry, result stood.

3.05 (1m 2f) 1, WALIM (Pat Eddery, 2-1); 2, Stone Mill (S Cauthen, 8-1); 3, Prince Russanor (W Carson, 7-4 fav) ALSO RAN: 11-4 Hip To Time (5th), 9 Another Bob (4th), 5 ran. ¾l, 4l, nk, 10l. M Stoute at Newmarket. Tote: £3.40; £1.70, £2.90. DF: £10.20. CSF: £20.49. 2min 05.55sec

3.40 (1m 4f) 1, ROCK HOPPER (Pat Eddery, 8-11 fav; Mandarin, Michael Seely's rep & Private Handicapper's top ratings); 2, Mountain Kingdom (S Cauthen, 25-1); 3, Karinga Bay (B Rouse, 13-2). ALSO RAN: 13-2 Mukddaam (6th), 7 Duke Of Paducah, 9 Emperor Fountain (5th), 25 Sesame (4th), 66 Pier Damiani. 8 ran. Nk, 1½l, 2½l, 2l, 1l. M Stoute at Newmarket. Tote: £1.50; £1.10, £3.40, £1.80. DF: £13.60. CSF: £17.55. 2min 34.48sec.

4.10 (6f) 1, MERRYHILL MAID (B Doyle, 6-1); 2, Gorinsky (J Carroll, 9-1); 3, Golden Cap (T Quinn, 3-1 fav). ALSO RAN: 6 Amxious Times, 9 Lallapalooza, 10 Zandrl (5th), Marching Past, 12 Samurai Gold (6th), 16 First Success (4th), 25 Level Xing. 10 ran. ¾l, 2l, 2½l, ¾l, 3½l. J Harris at Melton Mowbray. Tote: £8.10; £2.80, £2.40, £1.40. DF: £23.10. CSF: £52.97. Tricast: £131.65. 1min 13.25sec.

4.40 (5f) 1, MARLING (G Carter, 5-4 fav); 2, Twafeaj (Pat Eddery, 4-1); 3, Sylvan (N Day, 20-1) ALSO RAN: 7-2 Chance To Dream, 7 Over Sharp (5th), 12 Saratoga Star (4th), 25 Don't Worry (6th). 7 ran. 1½l, 4l, 2½l, 1½l, 7l. G Wragg at Newmarket. Tote: £2.40; £1.50, £2.10. DF: £3.20. CSF: £6.83. 1min 01.22sec.

5.10 (1m) 1, JACKSON FLINT (R Hills, 5-4); 2, Card Trick (W R Swinburn, 4-6 fav), 2 ran. Sir H Thomson Jones at Newmarket. Tote: £1.70. 1min 42.68sec

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Hamilton Park

Going: firm

2.15 (5f) 1, Super Rocky (J Murray, 11-8 fav); 2, Man Of The Moment (2-1); 3, Anna Mariana (4-1). 5 ran. 2l, 3l, J Berry. Tote: £2.30; £1.10, £1.10. DF: £3.60. CSF: £4.72.

2.45 (5f) 1, Tongue Tied (Dean McKeown, 5-4 fav); 2, Cross Mags (2-1); 3, Greenland Rock (5-1). 7 ran. 2½l, 1½l. Mrs J Ramsden. Tote: £1.50; £1.10, £2.30. DF: £2.40. CSF: £3.83. After a stewards' enquiry, result stood.

3.15 (5f) 1, Our Fan (K Darley, 11-8 fav); 2, Always Ready (10-1); 3, Diet (14-1) 7 ran. NR: Ryvitan Komet, 1½l, ¾l. J Berry. Tote: £2.10; £1.20, £5.40. DF: £17.80. CSF: £13.40. Tricast: £111.58.

3.50 (1m 40yd) 1, East Barns (D Nicholls, 9-2); 2, Sersta Grsl (6-1); 3, Saint Bene't (10-1). Tequila Gold 15-8 fav. 9 ran. 2½l, 1½l. J Wainwright. Tote: £3.10; £2.70, £1.80, £1.80. DF: £31.80. CSF: £27.22. Tricast: £205.31. After a stewards' enquiry, result stood.

4.20 (1m 3f) 1, Noddle (Dean McKeown, 7-4 fav); 2, Vado Vie (10-1); 3, Maggies Lad (10-1) 14 ran. NR: Acquisition. 3l, 1½l. W Haggas. Tote: £2.70; £2.00, £7.60, £2.30. DF: £21.90. CSF: £19.01.

4.50 (1m 4f) 1, Beldine (J Fanning, 6-4 fav); 2, Marlingford (9-4); 3, Dale Park (5-1). 4 ran. 8l, 12l. P Monteith. Tote: £3.10. DF: £3.60. CSF: £4.74.

5.05 (1m 40yd) 1, Paddy's Mate (S Eifert, walked over). R Guest.

Placepot: £312.60.

Newton Abbot

Going: firm

2.00 (2m 150yd hdle) 1, Shades Of Peace (R Dunwoody, 5-1); 2, Amber Nectar (16-1); 3, Great Gusto (7-2). Grand Frere 11-10 fav. 14 ran. NR: Windy Moon, Lawnswood Junior. 3l, 2l. N Henderson. Tote: £5.10; £1.20, £4.20, £1.60. DF: £60.50. CSF: 70.76.

2.30 (2m 5f ch) 1, Western Counties (N Mann, 6-5 fav); 2, Out Of Stock (20-1); 3, Slopping Tim (11-4). 5 ran. NR: Gambling Royal, Salcombe Harbour. 2½l, 1½l. R Holder. Tote: £2.00; £1.40, £2.40. DF: £16.50. CSF: £15.75. After a stewards' enquiry the result stood.

3.00 (2m 5f 110yd hdle) 1, Storybook (R Dunwoody, 7-2); 2, Malamute Saloon (15-8 fav); 3, Biscuit Trader (20-1). 9 ran. NR: Playpen, Ocean Lad. 1l, 8l. N Henderson. Tote: £3.50; £1.50, £1.70, £1.90. DF: £4.50. CSF: £9.58. Tricast: £93.35.

3.30 (2m 150yd hdle) 1, Falland (G Crone, 6-1); 2, Wood Corner (20-1); 3, Sea Now (20-1). Tods Evans fav. 15 ran. NR: Durzi. Nk, 7l. G Harwood. Tote: £7.00; £1.70, £3.90, £7.90. DF: £358.50. CSF: £8.66. After a stewards' enquiry the result stood.

4.00 (2m 2f 100yd ch) 1, Abbotsham (Mrs R Vickery, 25-40 fav); 2, Fiddlers Pike (7-2); 3, Dictatorship (7-1). 7 ran. NR: Suffocated Suzie, 10l, ¾l. O Carter. Tote: £3.00; £1.80, £1.80. DF: £8.30. CSF: £8.89.

4.30 (2m 150yd hdle) 1, Early Breeze (G McCourt, 9-4); 2, Park Street (9-2); 3, Forcello (20-1). Alford 5-4 fav. 6 ran. 2½l, 10l. M McCourt. Tote: £3.00; £1.20, £4.20. DF: £5.70. CSF: £12.18.

Placepot: £23.80

Thursday's late results

Newton Abbot

Going: good to firm

7.15 (3m 2f 110yd hdle) 1, Catch The Cross (Mr F Monnier, 4-5 fav); 2, Betty Hayes (9-1); 3, Sonny Hill Lad (11-1). 17 ran. NR: Royal Hero. 1½l, 4l. M Pipe. Tote: £1.80; £1.10, £2.20, £3.10. DF: £7.20. CSF: £8.50.

7.45 (2m 150yd ch) 1, The A Train (M Pitman, 2-1 it-fav); 2, Mou-Defa (4-1). Only 2 finished. Expeditious 2-1 it-fav. 4 ran. 1½l. Mrs J Pitman. Tote: £2.80. DF: £3.60. CSF: £8.54.

8.15 (2m 5f 110yd hdle) 1, Tamarpour (P Scudamore, 2-9 fav); 2, Lady Bourbe (16-1); 3, Silver Strings (12-1). 12 ran. NR: Tommy Tinker. 8l, 1l. M Pipe. Tote: £1.30; £1.10, £2.30, £1.90. DF: £5.90. CSF: £5.87.

Placepot: £5.00

Hector Protector has simple task

From OUR FRENCH RACING CORRESPONDENT, PARIS

HECTOR Protector, trained by Francois Boutin, faces an apparently simple task to stretch his unbeaten run to eight in the Poule d'Essai des Poulains (French 2,000 Guineas) at Longchamp tomorrow.

Only five rivals are lined up against Freddie Head's mount, including his pacemaker Mousquetaire and a lone British raider in Sapieha, trained by James Fanshawe at Newmarket.

Despite a promising seasonal debut when fourth behind Bog Trotter in the Greenham at Newbury, Walter Swinburn's mount appears to have only place prospects.

An impressive performance by Hector Protector will inevitably raise speculation of an Ever Ready Derby run, but tomorrow's mile event is unlikely to tell us any more about his capacity to get the extra four furlongs.

Another possible French raider for the Ever Ready Derby is Pistolet Bleu, who should extend his unbeaten run to five in the Prix Hocquart.

While he should win this 12-furlong contest, there is a good deal of confidence behind Criquette Head's Beau Sultan who had the misfortune to come up against Suave Dancer, perhaps France's most exciting middle-distance prospect, in last month's Prix Greffulhe.

Cash Asmussen is hoping to fly back to Paris in time to ride Crack Regiment in the Poule d'Essai des Poulains after partnering Happy Jazz Band in tonight's Kentucky Derby at Churchill Downs.

☐ Steve Cauthen rides for Sheikh Mohammed in Germany tomorrow when he partners the John Gosden-trained Rudjig in the £25,086 group two Gerling Preis (1m 4f) in Cologne.

☐ Lanfranco Dettori will be in action in Rome tomorrow to ride Ganesh for trainer Mafalda Osthaus in the valuable Derby Italiano trial, the £45,935 Premio Conte Felice Scheibler (1m 3f).



Head: classic chance on Hector Protector

LONGCHAMP FIELDS

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE

2.25 PRIX HOCQUART (Group II: 3-Y-O: £37,500: 1m 4f) (6 runners)

1 113-2 BEAU SULTAN (Mme A Head) Mme C Head 9-2 ..... F Head 3
2 00-8 BERRY (Mme A Head) Mme C Head 9-2 ..... G Guignard 6
3 411-2 SUBOTICA (O Lerner) A Fabre 8-2 ..... T Jarnet 5
4 1051-6 ONE TO TWO (P N Rossier) F Boutin 9-2 ..... C Asmussen 2
5 111-1 PISTOLET BLEU (D Wildenstein) E Lellouche 9-2 ..... D Boeuf 4
6 3210-6 SHOTKAR (D Wildenstein) E Lellouche 9-2 ..... C Aubert 1

1-2 Pistolet Bleu and Shotkar (coupled), 5-2 Beau Sultan and Berry (coupled), 10-1 Subotica, 12-1 One To Two.

2.55 DUBAI POULE D'ESSAI DES POULAINS (Group I: 3-Y-O colts: £101,833: 1m) (6 runners)

1 31081-3 ORAGE NOIR (Mme R Arles) J Cunnington jnr 9-2 ..... T Jarnet 1
2 511-4 SAPIEHA (Baron G de Geer) J Fanshawe 9-2 ..... W R Swinburn 5
3 133-2 ACTEUR FRANCAIS (P de Moussac) A Fabre 9-2 ..... A Lequeux 6
4 11111-1 HECTOR PROTECTOR (S Niarchos) F Boutin 9-2 ..... F Head 2
5 0505- MOUSQUETAIRE (S Niarchos) F Boutin 9-2 ..... C Picciont 3
6 252123 CRACK REGIMENT (R Scully) J Fellows 9-2 ..... C Asmussen 4

1-5 Hector Protector and Mousquetaire (coupled), 8-1 Acteur Francais, 10-1 Crack Regiment, 16-1 Orage Noir, 20-1 Sapieha.

Mister Scruff poised for place in final

By BRIAN BEEL

THE meetings at the Fernie and Lauderdale today, followed by two on Monday, afford the final chance of qualifying to run in The Times Championship final at Towcester on May 24.

Mister Scruff, a dead-heater in the Jedforest maiden, was running on when blundering three fences out at Tranwell a fortnight ago, and may have the edge over Brackagh Run at the Lauderdale.

Last week, in the Heart Of All England at Hexham, Brackagh Run fell at the third fence, but previously had come second in the Bramham Moor restricted following his Dumfriesshire Maiden success.

Connections decided at the last minute not to run Sheer Jest in last week's Quorn qualifier, but he has a last opportunity today at the Fernie. As a five-year-old last season, he won his first two races in good style but has only run once this term when second in the Oakley adjacent.

His continued absence would enhance the chance of Joestone, impressive last Saturday at Garthorpe when winning the maiden by a distance, under Andrew Sansome.

If he turned out for a final race before being roughed off for the season, The Red One could not be opposed in the Land Rover event at the Pendle Forest where the Hexham winner Duright is engaged.

Singing Seal did not act on the heavy going at Flagg Moor, but has an opportunity to atone in the Allrighton open. The amazing performance of Rectory Boy at Cheltenham on Wednesday evening, when winning after being tailed off a mile out, will give encouragement to Angela Rucker on Amal Lees Hope in the Ladies here as last time out they had to give weight to Rectory Boy and finished only four-and-a-half lengths behind him at the Llangeinor.

A natural country race precedes the other six on the card at the Old Surrey and Burstow. Tim McCarthy took Federal Trooper to Cottenham last Saturday and beat a useful field in the Land Rover qualifier. He has little to fear if he turns out again in the open.

Today's meetings

Allrighton: Weston Park, six miles east of Telford (first race, 2.00); Devon and Somerset: Holnicote, 3m W of Minehead (2.00); Fernie: Dingley, 2m E of Market Harborough (2.15); Lauderdale: Mosshouses, 4m N of Melrose (2.00); Modbury: Fleet Park, 2m N of Modbury (2.30); Old Surrey and Burstow: Penshurst, 4m SW of Tonbridge (2.00); Pendle Forest and Craven: Gisburn, 1m SW of town (2.00); West Norfolk: Fakenham, 2m SW of town (2.00).

Blinkered first time

THIRSK: 2.15 Ahura. 2.45 Tutmal. 3.20 Maktul, Capital Dazzler. 4.25 Drum Sergeant.

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MANDARIN

2.30 Glebe Spinney. 3.00 Sweet Glow. 3.30 Auntie Dot. 4.00 Norton's Coin 4.30 Superetta. 5.00 Windy Ways. 5.30 Run To Form.

THUNDERER

2.30 Glebe Spinney. 3.00 Sweet Glow. 3.30 Sword Beach. 4.00 Norton's Coin. 4.30 Superetta. 5.00 Windy Ways. 5.30 The Demon Barber.

GOING: GOOD

2.30 CONKWELL GRANGE STUD HANDICAP CHASE (Amateurs: £2,328: 2m) (9 runners)

1 2135 KNOCKBRACK 35 (D,F,G,S) G Ham 11-12-0 J Durkan (3)
2 1382 PURA MONEY 21 (CD,F,G,S) G Richards 9-11-3 R Hale (7)
3 0235 ROYAL CRACKER 14 (V,CD,F,G,S) T Ball 10-10-12 Miss S Baxter (7)
4 -113 MOUNTAIN CRASH 14 (F,G,S) A Forbes 11-10-11 T Eley (7)
5 34P2 KARNATAK 9 (D,BF,F) K Bridgwater 10-10-5 S Joynes (7)
6 1141 GLEBE SPINNEY 33 (B,D,F,G,S) J Wharton 9-10-4 K Johnson
7 5/6P MORAL VICTORY 28 G Balding 10-10-0 ... C Hamblin (7)
8 060- LA BELLE OF SANTO 385 (D,F) B Wells 8-10-0 M Rodda (7)
9 -P05 ANOTHER VULCAN 49 W Smith 10-10-0 ..... J Smith (7)

5-2 Glebe Spinney, 3-1 Mountain Crash, 4-1 Pura Money, 7-1 Karnatak, 8-1 Royal Cracker, 10-1 Knockbrack, 16-1 others.

3.00 PORTERHOUSE RESTAURANTS NOVICES HURDLE (£1,895: 2m) (12)

1 2P98 KINO 22 (D,S) S Sherwood 11-5 ..... J Osborne
2 2321 SWEET GLOW 7 (F) M Pipe 11-5 ..... P Scudamore
3 2000 BEAUFAN 70 C Jackson 10-12 ..... R Hyett
4 P0 HACIENDA 5F D Burchell 10-12 ..... D J Burchell
5 220 HORNBLOWER 29 M H Easterby 10-12 ..... L Wyer
6 55P LUCKY OLE SON 22 P Hobbs 10-12 ..... G McCourt
7 P L'UOMO CLASSICS 63 Mrs J Pitman 10-12 ..... M Pitman
8 P830 PLACID LAD 53 J Webber 10-12 ..... M Lynch
9 0P00 RACECALL GOLD CARD 33 (B) A Potts 10-12 C Hawkins
10 0 REGAL THATCH 10 G Richards 10-12 ..... N Doughty
11 P0 TRADE SECRET 21 W Clay 10-12 ..... S J O'Neill
12 4335 TUFFNUT GEORGE 37 J Pickering 10-12 .. D Dennis (7)

11-10 Sweet Glow, 4-1 Kino, 6-1 Placid Lad, 8-1 Hornblower, 10-1 Regal Thatch, 12-1 L'Uomo Classics, 16-1 others.

3.30 PHOENIX TIMBER HANDICAP CHASE (£3,947: 2m 4f) (10)

1 6P01 TARTAN TAILOR 9 (C,F,G,S) G Richards 10-12-0 N Doughty
2 -P32 MIDNIGHT TRAIN 32 (D,G,S) Mrs J Pitman 10-11-13 M Pitman
3 6303 AUNTIE DOT 28 (CD,F,G,S) J Webber 10-11-3 M Lynch
4 56U3 NEW HALEN 8 (D,BF,F,G,S) A James 10-11-3 E Tierney (7)
5 UF12 GUIBURN'S NEPHEW 14 (D,F,G) P Hobbs 9-11-1 C Maude (3)
6 P104 MR ENTERTAINER 32 (CD,G,S) N Gaselee 8-11-0 A Adams
7 3-45 SWORD BEACH 24 (D,BF,F,G,S) M H Easterby 7-10-10 L Wyer
8 1115 SEA ISLAND 24 (D,G,S) M Pipe 7-10-0 ... P Scudamore
9 P334 KISSANE 35 (D,G,S) C Broad 10-10-0 .. Martin Jones (3)
10 0P-F RAGENS BOY 58 (D,G,S) D Burchell 10-10-0 D J Burchell

4-1 Auntie Dot, 9-2 New Halen, 5-1 Midnight Train, 6-1 Guiburn's Nephew, Tartan Tailor, 8-1 Sea Island, 10-1 others.

☐ A major gamble went astray at Hamilton yesterday when Man Of The Moment could finish only second in the EBF Mandora Maiden Stakes. Steve Norton's newcomer was backed from 6-1 to 2-1, with bets including one of £22,000 to £8,000, but was beaten two lengths by the Jack Berry-trained favourite, Super Rocky.

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5.45 Master Ofthe House. 6.15 Local Customer. 6.45 Sweet 'N' Low. 7.15 Sunny Mount. 7.45 Cornet. 8.15 Highfield Prince.

THUNDERER

5.45 Master Ofthe House. 6.15 Local Customer. 6.45 Sweet 'N' Low. 7.15 Jolly Roger. 7.45 Cornet. 8.15 Highfield Prince.

GOING: FIRM

5.45 NORTH TYNE NOVICES HURDLE (£1,880: 2m) (7 runners)

1 849 MASTER OF THE HOUSE 11 M Hammond 5-11-0 P Niven
2 0060 MIGHTY SUPREMO 5 T Cuthbert 10-11-0 Carol Cuthbert (7)
3 PPP STILL DANCING 7 J Hubbuck 5-11-0 ..... T Reed
4 8 ZODE 5 G Richards 5-11-0 ..... C Grant
5 0-08 BELLAVENTURE 54 D Moffatt 5-10-9 ..... D J Moffatt (7)
6 6242 FACILITY LETTER 7 G Moore 4-10-9 ..... M Dwyer
7 005 LE PELLEY'S ISLE 7 M Barnes 4-10-9 ..... P A Farrell

11-10 Master Ofthe House, 9-4 Facility Letter, 9-2 Zode, 20-1 Le Pelley's Isle, 25-1 Bellaventure, Mighty Supreme, 33-1 Still Dancing.

6.15 DIPTON MILL NOVICES CHASE (£2,544: 2m 4f) (13)

1 PP40 ARRY OPEFUL 28 P Monteith 9-11-5 ..... A Orkney
2 3PU0 CONTACT KELVIN 7 (CD,G,S) N Bycroft 9-11-5 R Marley
3 0F6U CRACK-A-JIM 7 Miss J Bardsley 9-11-5 ..... M Hill
4 0003 GOOD SEOUL 14 (B) Miss C Caroe 7-11-5 A Stanford (7)
5 P4P2 LOCAL CUSTOMER 10 M Hammond 8-11-5 ..... P Niven
6 P552 MALICHO 7 (G) T Donnelly 8-11-5 ..... C Kellett
7 045U PALM READER 98 (C,F) W A Stephenson 7-11-5 C Grant
8 3202 PHOTINIA 5 (D,F,G) T Fairhurst 6-11-5 ..... F Perrett (7)
9 6-PP RAMPANT 57 (C,F,S) R Barr 12-11-5 ..... Mr N Wilson (7)
10 0300 ROSSVILLE 9 Mrs S Bramall 6-11-5 ..... J O'Gorman (3)
11 0/ SILLY JIM 780 M Smith 8-11-5 ..... G Harker
12 4-P0 SUPER TREK 10 (D,F,G) Richards 8-11-5 ..... M Dwyer
13 4P0P DINSDALE LAD 11 M Barnes 5-10-12 ..... P A Farrell

7-2 Local Customer, 4-1 Malicho, Photinia, 6-1 Super Trix, 8-1 Any Opeful, 10-1 Palm Reader, 12-1 Good Seoul, 20-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: G Moore, 28 winners from 92 runners, 30.4%; J Hanson, 3 from 10, 30.0%; A Fowler, 3 from 11, 27.3%; M Hammond, 9 from 35, 25.7%; G Richards, 35 from 155, 23.2%; P Monteith, 14 from 65, 21.5%

JOCKEYS: C Grant, 47 winners from 208 rides, 22.6%; M Dwyer, 14 from 70, 20.0%; P Niven, 20 from 117, 17.1%; R Garritty, 6 from 35, 16.7%; A Orkney, 10 from 70, 14.3%; M Hill, 4 from 28, 14.3%.

☐ The Market Rasen trainer Michael Chapman was fined £300 by the Jockey Club disciplinary committee for offences relating to wage payments made to his employees during 1988 and 1989.

4.00 ST MODWEN STAFFORDSHIRE HURDLE (Grade II: £10,400: 2m 4f) (10)

1 8231 GAY RUFFIAN 17F (CD,G,S) D Burchell 5-11-6 D J Burchell
2 0044 PHILOSOPHOS 29 (F,G) J Baker 5-11-6 ..... N Coleman
3 -522 BILLION MELODY 14 (BF,F,G) A Jones 9-11-2 Miss D Jones
4 4264 BLAZING TOUCH 24 (B) C Brooks 5-11-2 .. B de Haan
5 8434 COWORTH PARK 107 (D,F,G,S) P Mitchell 5-11-2 D Murphy
6 -220 DANNY HARROLD 53 (B,D,S) Mrs J Pitman 7-11-2 M Pitman
7 8F20 DECIDED 29 (F,G,S) Miss H Knight 5-11-2 P Scudamore
8 RF21 NORTON'S COIN 17 (D,F,G,S) S Griffiths 10-11-2 G McCourt
9 8535 RANDOLPH PLACE 29 (D,G,S) G Richards 10-11-2 N Doughty
10 1101 SHERWOOD GUNNER 18 (D,F,G,S) D Brennan 9-11-2 G Bradley

11-4 Danny Harrold, 100-30 Coworth Park, 4-1 Sherwood Gunner, 6-1 Norton's Coin, 8-1 Gay Ruffian, Randolph Place, 12-1 others.

4.30 BAYER UK SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,836: 2m) (11)

1 0002 WINSLOW LAD 7 T Casey 11-12 ..... M Lynch
2 044 MIA FILLIA 14 (B) N Tinkler 11-5 ..... G McCourt
3 5631 SUPERETTA 33 (D,F,G) J Jenkins 11-4 ..... R Dunwoody
4 F6P5 TINA'S ANGEL 14 J Fox 11-0 ..... S Fox (7)
5 3600 KHIOS 18 (D,F) F Durr 10-10 ..... M Perrett
6 050 NORDIC DELIGHT 44 (V) M Pipe 10-7 ..... P Scudamore
7 0FF LIKE A PRAYER 17F J Parkes 10-7 ..... N Smith (5)
8 00P3 FINE WARRIOR 33 (B) W Clay 10-6 ..... S J O'Neill
9 030 HARD TO GET 14 A Jones 10-5 ..... C Williams (7)
10 PPP6 TRUSS 24 A Leighton 10-3 ..... C Smith
11 00P0 SILVER SHEFTER 14 Mrs A Knight 10-0 .. D J Burchell

9-4 Superetta, 11-4 Nordic Delight, 5-1 Winslow Lad, 7-1 Fine Warrior, 8-1 Mia Fillia, 10-1 Khios, 14-1 Tina's Angel, 20-1 others.

5.00 QUEENSWAY CHINA CHALLENGE TROPHY NOVICES CHASE (£2,365: 3m 2f) (12)

1 151F BARKIN 15 (B) G Richards 8-12-1 ..... N Doughty
2 P225 BOLD MONK 22 (V,BF,F,G,S) D Barons 9-12-1 N Hawke
3 2912 ROYLE SPEEDMASTER 21 (G) J Edwards 7-11-9 D Tegg
4 312 WINDY WAYS 52 (G) N Henderson 8-11-9 R Dunwoody
5 P544 AFTER FOUR 57 R Francis 7-11-3 ..... S J O'Neill
6 53U5 BALVENIE 14 (B,BF) P Hedger 7-11-3 ..... M Richards
7 /P5P FIRST SEA LORD 102 N Gaselee 9-11-3 ..... A Adams
8 U324 NORSTOWN 14 (C,BF,F,S) R Holder 9-11-3 ..... E Byrne
9 FFFP PARTY TIME AGAIN 14 J Webber 7-11-3 ..... A Webb
10 P353 THE FORTES 14 T Ball 5-11-3 ..... J Railton
11 2FFP TURPIN'S GREEN 63 J King 8-11-3 ..... J White
12 484 EBONY SPRING 21 Mrs P Berthorpe 6-10-12 N Smith (5)

2-1 Windy Ways, 3-1 Barkin, 11-2 Royle Speedmaster, 6-1 Bold Monk, 8-1 Norstown, 10-1 After Four, 14-1 The Fortes, 16-1 others.

5.30 NOVA SHIPPING HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,840: 2m 4f) (13)

1 P101 THE DEMON BARBER 11 (D,F,G,S) G Richards 3-11-11 N Doughty
2 1FF3 RUN TO FORM 17 (D,G,S) Mrs J Pitman 6-11-6 M Pitman
3 2004 HEY COTTAGE 14 (D,G,S) D McCain 6-11-4 G McCourt
4 4-34 MALLYPHA 14 (F,G,S) S Sherwood 7-11-1 ..... J Osborne
5 2004 OUBLIER L'ENNUI 33 (F) D Barons 6-10-13 R Greene (5)
6 1013 RASTANNORA 16 (CD,F,S) M Pipe 6-10-13 P Scudamore
7 -504 DAT TRAIN 32 (G,S) Mrs J Pitman 7-

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Generous has strong credentials

HAVING won the 1,000 Guineas on Thursday with Shadayid, John Dunlop and Willie Carson now have a good chance of emulating the late Sir Noel Murless and George Moore (the last team to pull off the Guineas double) with the unbeaten Marju representing them in the General Accident 2,000 Guineas at Newmarket today.

In this instance, I feel that their attempt will be foiled by **Generous**, who is napped to give Paul Cole and Richard Quinn their first taste of success in this particular classic.

Having not raced this season, Generous might well be described as the forgotten horse in today's 14-strong field. However, as the winner of the Dewhurst on the same track last October, he has sound credentials on paper. On that occasion, he beat Bog Trotter who recently accounted for Mukaddamah in the Greenham Stakes at Newbury.

Generous will enter the paddock as fit and as well as his trainer could wish following a perfect preparation on the gallops surrounding Whatcombe.

When discussing Generous yesterday, Cole said that he has been greatly encouraged by the way that he has been

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galloping with the four-year-old Zoman, and the Greenham fifth, Blue Aeroplane.

As a yardstick, they do not come much better than Zoman, who finished second in the French 2,000 Guineas last year. Recently, he showed that he has lost none of his zip when beaten only a length by the talented In The Groove at Sandown.

Cole also has reasons for discounting Generous's disappointing run behind Mukaddamah and Flying Brave at Goodwood last summer.

His Dewhurst Stakes run was certainly a much more positive effort, and there was a time when that particular race was a good guide to the Guineas.

In recent years, though, it has been supplanted by the Craven Stakes, which has pointed to Shadeed, Dancing Brave, Doyoun, and Tirol all being good enough to go on to achieve greater fame in the colts' classic.

Now Marju will attempt to follow in their footsteps, having beaten Desert Sun, Hokusai, and Hailsham, whose run subsequently at Sandown gave Clive Brittain and Michael Roberts reason to be optimistic about the chances of stable companion Mystiko, who was an impressive winner of the Free Handicap.

My reading of the Craven was that none of those who finished behind Marju would beat him today.

Instead of taking on the unbeaten Hector Protector in the French 2,000 tomorrow, Ganges and Lycius have both made the trip from Chantilly. Last year, Lycius came here to capture the Middle Park Stakes over six furlongs. More recently, he was outstayed by Ganges over seven furlongs at Maisons-Laffitte.

BIG RACE LINE-UP

3.40 GENERAL ACCIDENT 2,000 GUINEAS STAKES C4
(Group I: 3-Y-O colts & fillies: £107,994: 1m) (14 runners)

401 (3) 3122-1 **BOG TROTTER** 14 (G) (B Haggas) W Haggas 9-0 ..... L Piggott 95
(ch c Irish River - Chaleur) (White, red braces, black cap)

402 (11) 1-2 **DESERT SUN** 16 (BF,S) (Prince Khalid Al Saud) H Cecil 9-0 ..... Pat Eddery 95
(b c Green Desert - Solar) (Black, white triple diamond, diamonds on sleeves, white cap)

403 (10) 13214-4 **FLYING BRAVE** 17 (C,BF,F,G) (A Ison) J Dunlop 9-0 ..... J Reid 90
(b c Persian Bold - Flying Sauce) (Green, cerise sash & cap)

404 (1) 63141-1 **GANGES** 22 (D,G,S) (A Paulson) F Boutin (Fr) 9-0 ..... F Head 98
(gr c Riverman - Paloma Blanca) (White, red epaulets, royal blue sleeves, red & blue quartered cap)

405 (6) 123011- **GENEROUS** 197 (C,D,F,G) (F Salman) P Cole 9-0 ..... T Quinn 96
(ch c Caerleon - Doff The Derby) (Dark green)

406 (2) 11-3 **HOKUSAI** 16 (C,F,G) (C St George) H Cecil 9-0 ..... M Kinane 94
(b c Fighting Fit - Angling) (Black, white chevron, hoop & cap)

407 (12) 11-3 **JUNK BOND** 17 (C,BF,F,G) (A Balzarini) R Charlton 9-0 ..... E Maple 84
(b c Last Tycoon - What A Pity) (Yellow, light blue stars, yellow sleeves, yellow cap, light blue star)

408 (8) 4121-2 **LYCIUS** 22 (C,G,S) (Sheikh Mohammed) A Fabre (Fr) 9-0 ..... S Cauthen 97
(ch c Mr Prospector - Lypatia) (Maroon, white sleeves, maroon cap, white star)

409 (13) 112112- **MALVERNICO** 238 (F,G) (Mrs D Mahony) J Bolger (Ire) 9-0 ..... C Roche 91
(b c Nordico - Malvern Beauty) (Light blue jacket, dark blue sleeves, purple & yellow hooped cap)

410 (7) 1-1 **MARJU** 18 (CD,F) (H Al-Maktoum) J Dunlop 9-0 ..... W Carson ● 99
(br c Last Tycoon - Flame Of Tara) (Royal blue, white epaulets, striped cap)

411 (4) 23114- **MUJAAZIF** 189 (D,F) (M Al-Maktoum) M Stoute 9-0 ..... W R Swinburn 98
(b c Alydar - Miss Snowflake) (Royal blue, white chevron, light blue cap)

412 (9) 112-2 **MUKADDAMAH** 14 (BF,F,G) (H Al-Maktoum) P Walwyn 9-0 ..... L Dettori 93
(b c Storm Bird - Tash) (Royal blue, white epaulets, red cap)

413 (5) 213-1 **MYSTIKO** 17 (C,F) (Dowager Lady Beaverbrook) C Brittain 9-0 ..... M Roberts 94
(gr c Secreto - Caracciola) (Beaver brown, maple leaf green cross-belts & cap)

414 (14) 5223-63 **SHALFORD** 14 (F,G) (D Cock) R Hannon 9-0 ..... B Raymond 90
(ch c Thatching - Enigma) (Turquoise, silver stripe, quartered cap)

BETTING: 11-8 Marju, 11-2 Desert Sun, 7-1 Mystiko, 9-1 Generous, 10-1 Mukaddamah, Bog Trotter, 14-1 Hokusai, Mujaazif, 20-1 Ganges, 25-1 Lycius, 50-1 Junk Bond, 66-1 Flying Brave, Shalford, 100-1 Malvernico.

1990: TIROL 9-0 M Kinane (9-1) R Hannon 14 ran

Form guide to the 14 contenders

BOG TROTTER

Apr 20, Newbury, good: (9-0) beat MUKADDAMAH (9-0) ¾l with SHALFORD (9-0) 1½l 3rd (7f, group III, £22,134, 7 ran).
Oct 19, Newmarket, good: see GENEROUS.
Oct 5, Newmarket, good: (9-4) 2l 2nd to Peter Davies (8-12) (7f, listed, £14,490, 5 ran).

DESERT SUN

Apr 18, Newmarket, good to firm: see MARJU.
Oct 27, Doncaster, good to soft: (9-0) beat Saint Ciel (9-0) 6l (7f, mdn, £2,415, 22 ran).

FLYING BRAVE

Apr 17, Newmarket, good to firm: see MYSTIKO.
Sep 22, Curragh, yielding: (8-10) 6½l 4th to Misty Valley (8-10) (1m, group III, £14,425, 6 ran).
Aug 25, Newmarket, good to firm: (8-11) beat SHALFORD (8-11) 1l (7f, £23,186, 17 ran).
Aug 2, Goodwood, good to firm: see MUKADDAMAH.

GANGES

Apr 12, Maisons-Laffitte, good: (8-11) beat LYCIUS (8-11) ½l (7f, listed, £11,769, 6 ran).
Oct 26, Maisons-Laffitte, heavy: (8-9) beat Creck Regiment (8-12) 3l (7f, group III, £42,390, 9 ran).
Oct 14, Longchamp, good: (8-9) 3¾l 4th to Pistolet Bleu (8-9) (1m 1f, group III, £21,801, 12 ran).

GENEROUS

Oct 19, Newmarket, good: (9-0) beat BOG TROTTER (9-0) ¾l (7f, group I, £117,609, 8 ran).
Sep 18, Sandown, good: (9-4) beat Rahdari (8-9) 1½l (1m, £4,265, 4 ran).
Aug 19, Deauville, good to soft: (8-11) unplaced behind Hector Protector (8-11) (6f, group I, £107,181, 12 ran).
Aug 2, Goodwood, good to firm: see MUKADDAMAH.

HOKUSAI

Apr 18, Newmarket, good to firm: see MARJU.
Jul 12, Newmarket, good to firm: (8-11) beat Jameelaty (8-6) 1½l (7f, *listed*, £10,868, 8 ran).
Jun 25, Nottingham, good: (8-11) beat Cool Chik (8-11) 3l (6f, grad, £2,357, 5 ran).

JUNK BOND

Apr 17, Newmarket, good to firm: see MYSTIKO.
Oct 20, Newmarket, good: (9-5) beat Duc De Berry (8-12) ¾l (7f, £10,868, 11 ran).
Sep 22, Newbury, good to firm: (9-0) beat Kalahandi (9-0) 2l (6f, mdn, £5,595, 18 ran)

LYCIUS

Apr 12, Maisons-Laffitte, good: see GANGES.
Oct 4, Newmarket, good: (9-0) beat Distinctly North (9-0) ½l (6f, group I, £78,566, 9 ran).
Sep 9, Longchamp, good: (8-11) 1l 2nd to Hector Protector (8-11) (7f, group I, £59,443, 7 ran).

MALVERNICO

Sep 8, Curragh, good to firm: (9-0) head 2nd to Heart Of Darkness (9-0) (7f, group I, £104,800, 8 ran).
Aug 25, Curragh, good: (8-13) beat Approach The Bench (8-10) 1½l (6f 63yd, group III, £14,425, 6 ran).
Jul 14, Curragh, good to firm: (8-10) beat Downeaster Alexa (8-7) short head (5f, group III, £14,425, 8 ran)

MARJU

Apr 18, Newmarket, good to firm: (8-9) beat DESERT SUN (8-9) 1½l with HOKUSAI (8-9) head 3rd (1m, group III, £23,193, 8 ran).
Sep 6, York, good to firm: (8-6) beat Road To The Isle (8-11) 6l (7f, grad, £4,542, 11 ran).

MUJAAZIF

Oct 27, Doncaster, soft: see MUKADDAMAH.
Sep 29, Ascot, good to firm: (8-10) beat Jahafil (8-10) 3½l (1m, group II, £71,478, 8 ran).
Sep 8, Thirsk, good to firm: (9-0) beat Magic Secret (9-0) 2½l (1m, mdn, £2,753, 18 ran).

MUKADDAMAH

Apr 20, Newbury, good: see BOG TROTTER.
Oct 27, Doncaster, soft: (9-0) short head 2nd to Peter Davies (9-0) with MUJAAZIF (9-0) 19l 4th (1m, group I, £159,162, 4 ran).
Aug 2, Goodwood, good to firm: (8-11) beat FLYING BRAVE (8-11) 1½l with GENEROUS (8-11) 3l 4th (7f, group III, £18,494, 6 ran).

MYSTIKO

Apr 17, Newmarket, good to firm: (9-2) beat Zigaura (9-2) 3½l with JUNK BOND (9-0) neck 3rd and FLYING BRAVE (9-7) ½l 4th (7f, listed h'cap, £25,232, 11 ran).
Aug 22, York, good to firm: (9-0) 6½l 3rd to Mujtahid (9-3) (6f, group II, £48,854, 5 ran).
Aug 4, Newmarket, good to firm: (9-0) beat Wolf Hall (9-0) 2l (6f, mdn, £3,722, 11 ran).

SHALFORD

Apr 20, Newbury, good: see BOG TROTTER.
Mar 30, Kempton, good: (8-10) 13¾l 6th to Corrupt (8-10) (1m, listed, £12,640, 10 ran).
Sep 22, Newbury, good to firm: (8-11) 3½l 3rd to Time Gentlemen (8-11) (6f, group II, £36,540, 7 ran).
Aug 25, Newmarket, good to firm: see FLYING BRAVE.

Selection: BOG TROTTER (nap)

NEWMARKET

MANDARIN	THUNDERER	MICHAEL SEELY
2.00 Le Corsaire.	2.00 Le Corsaire.	3.40 MARJU (nap).
2.30 Takaddum.	2.30 Golden Birch.	4.45 Operation Wolf.
3.00 Wilde Rufo.	3.00 Bit-A-Magic.	
3.40 GENEROUS (nap).	3.40 MARJU (nap).	
4.15 Mac's Imp.	4.15 Elbio.	
4.45 Oh So Risky.	4.45 Tidemark.	
5.15 Shaleel.	5.15 Shaleel.	

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 3.40 DESERT SUN (nap). 4.15 Anjiz. 5.15 Second Set.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 3.40 MARJU.

GOING: GOOD — DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE — SIS

2.00 SHORE CAPITAL CULFORD STAKES (3-Y-O: £5,952: 1m 4f) (10 runners)

101 (9) 13 RIVER ISLAND 12 (BF,S) (F Salman) P Cole 8-4 ..... NON-RUNNER —
102 (6) 1- STRALDI 186 (G) (Sheikh Mohammed) H Cecil 9-4 ..... A McGlone 87
103 (1) 6143-42 TAPATCH 12 (F) (Fando Partnership) J Eustace 9-4 ..... R Cochrane 91
104 (5) 1 GAI BULGA 17 (F) (Sir P Oppenheimer) G Wragg 8-13 ..... G Carter 86
105 (4) 02- CAITHNESS CLOUD 183 (R Anderson Green) M Jarvis 8-11 ..... B Raymond 92
106 (7) GONDOLIER (Lord Howard de Walden) H Cecil 8-11 ..... W Ryan —
107 (10) 50- GREEN TURBAN 217 (K Abdulla) B Hills 8-11 ..... Pat Eddery 88
108 (8) 0 HIGH DEGREE 29 (Sheikh Mohammed) C Brittain 8-11 ..... M Roberts —
109 (3) 64-2 LE CORSAIRE 18 (Sheikh Mohammed) L Cumani 8-11 ..... L Dettori ● 99
110 (2) 22 MAAMUR 15 (BF) (Hamdan Al-Maktoum) D Morley 8-11 ..... W Carson 90

BETTING: 5-2 Le Corsaire, 3-1 Straldi, 9-2 Maamur, 8-1 Gondolier, Gai Bulga, 8-1 Green Turban, 12-1 Tapatch, High Degree, 14-1 Caithness Cloud.

1990: PRIVATE TENDER 9-0 S Cauthen (4-1) H Cecil 8 ran

2.30 MAYER PARRY HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £11,940: 7f) (17 runners) C4

201 (6) 3130-20 TIMELESS TIMES 17 (D,F,G,S) (Times Wigan) W O'Gorman 9-7 Emma O'Gorman (5) 91
202 (9) 03211-6 GOLDEN BIRCH 17 (CD,G) (T Mountain) W Wightman 9-7 ..... J Williams 84
203 (10) 3121-5 BLUE AEROPLANE 14 (F,G) (F Salman) P Cole 9-5 ..... T Quinn 90
204 (7) 4-11 SHAFOURI 10 (D,F) (Ali K Al Jaffali) Mrs L Piggott 8-11 ..... L Piggott 93
205 (2) 2-11 PRINCE OF THE SEA 16 (C,F) (S Crown) D Arbuthnot 8-10 ..... W R Swinburn 94
206 (17) 21- ARYLH 187 (S) (Hamdan Al-Maktoum) A Stewart 8-10 ..... M Roberts 86
207 (14) 1155-14 SCOTTISH CASTLE 3 (B,CD,BF,F,S) (Mrs P Yong) W O'Gorman 8-7 ..... A Munro 97
208 (15) 32-1 CONVIVIAL 14 (G) (Cheveley Park Stud) A Scott 8-5 ..... B Raymond 88
209 (12) 14-0 FAR PAVILION 18 (G) (Mrs C Heath) R Charlton 8-5 ..... Pat Eddery 87
210 (3) 4510-23 RUNAWAY LAD 10 (G) (G Butts) G Pritchard-Gordon 8-3 ..... G Carter 91
211 (1) 501-52 TAKADDUM 18 (S) (Hamdan Al-Maktoum) P Walwyn 8-2 ..... W Carson ● 99
212 (4) 4300-00 FALCON'S DOMAIN 16 (F) (R Carstairs) J Eustace 8-1 ..... R Hills 85
213 (5) 22621-0 ZLOTY 16 (F) (J Bray) W Jarvis 8-1 ..... A McGlone 88
214 (8) 0000-05 CITY SOLACE 16 (F) (D Carroll) R Hannon 8-0 ..... G Duffield 91
215 (11) 31166-3 RUTH'S GAMBLE 5 (G,S) (P Savill) D Chapman 7-9 ..... S Wood (3) 95
216 (16) 0-10 MATTS BOY 18 (D,S) (Lord Matthews) Miss S Hall 7-7 ..... N Kennedy (5) 87
217 (13) 03-0148 THE CUCKOO'S NEST 16 (D,S) (Kings Bloodstock Ltd) C Brittain 7-7 ..... B Doyle (5) 95

Long handicap: Matts Boy 7-2, The Cuckoo's Nest 7-2.

BETTING: 4-1 Takaddum, 5-1 Prince Of The Sea, 6-1 Shafouri, Scottish Castle, 8-1 Blue Aeroplane, Far Pavilion, 10-1 City Solace, Convivial, 12-1 Timeless Times, Golden Birch, 14-1 others.

1990: GLEN KATE 9-5 S Cauthen (6-4 fav) H Cecil 13 ran

FORM FOCUS

GOLDEN BIRCH staying-on 7¾l 6th to Mystiko in the Free Handicap over course and distance (good to firm) *with* TIMELESS TIMES (1lb better off) ¾l 7th. BLUE AEROPLANE 5½l 5th to Bog Trotter at *Newbury (7f, good). SHAFOURI beat Secret Haze a hd at Cottenick (7f, good to firm) with RUNAWAY LAD (5lb better off) 5l 3rd. PRINCE OF THE SEA beat Prime Mover a hd over 6l (good to firm) here with CITY SOLACE (4lb better off) 19¾l 5th, FALCON'S DOMAIN* 4½l 10th and ZLOTY 15th of 17. ARYLH beat Katy's Pet 5l at Leicester (6f, soft). SCOTTISH CASTLE 4¾l 4th to Sky Cloud at Ascot (7f, soft); earlier beat TAKADDUM (8lb better off) 3l over course and distance with THE CUCKOO'S NEST 7l 6th, FAR PAVILION 2l 9th and MATTS BOY 2l 11th. CONVIVIAL beat Mr Confusion 3l at Thirsk (1m, good). RUTH'S GAMBLE 5l 3rd to Welsh Secret at *Pontefract (8f). Selection: CITY SOLACE*

3.00 PHILIP CORNES NICKEL ALLOYS MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: £5,026: 5f) (6 runners) C4

301 (2) BIT-A-MAGIC (Abrahams Bros) J Berry 9-0 ..... J Carroll —
302 (3) CASTEDDU (E Landi) J Payne 9-0 ..... Pat Eddery —
303 (1) MINSTREL'S AGE (L Gaucci) C Brittain 9-0 ..... M Roberts —
304 (4) 02 MISTER BANDIT 4 (BF) (F Kalla) N Callaghan 9-0 ..... L Piggott ● 99
305 (5) WILDE RUFO (G Mazza) P Kelleway 9-0 ..... A Munro —
306 (6) YOUNG SENOR (Exors of E Moller) G Wragg 9-0 ..... G Carter —

BETTING: 13-8 Bit-A-Magic, 9-4 Young Senor, 5-1 Minstrel's Age, 8-1 Mister Bandit, 10-1 Wilde Rufo, 12-1 Casteddu.

1990: MAC'S IMP 9-0 A Munro (5-2) W O'Gorman 7 ran

3.40 GENERAL ACCIDENT 2,000 GUINEAS STAKES (Group I: 3-Y-O colts & fillies: £107,994: 1m) (14 runners) C4

RUNNERS AND RIDERS SEE RIGHT

4.15 PALACE HOUSE STAKES (Group III: £25,434: 5f) (11 runners) C4

501 (5) 0/02100- BE FRESH 217 (C,F,G) (Dr M Botts) L Cumani 5-8-10 ..... L Dettori 85
502 (10) 1220-13 CHOIR PRACTICE 14 (D,F,G) (F Salman) H Candy 4-8-10 ..... L Piggott 79
503 (4) 41110-2 ELBIO 18 (CD,F,S) (B Brackpool) P Makin 4-8-10 ..... S Cauthen 94
504 (3) 134030- WHIPPET 188 (B,D,F,G,S) (A Richards) C Austin 7-8-10 ..... T Quinn 91
505 (7) 202015- BOOZY 209 (D,F,G) (Heathevon Stables Ltd) J Berry 4-8-7 ..... J Carroll 97
506 (9) 03100-4 RIVERS RHAPSODY 33 (D,F,G,S) (R Mead) G Balding 4-8-7 ..... J Williams 92
507 (2) 1116-5 ANJIZ 17 (F,G) (Maktoum Al Maktoum) A Scott 3-8-0 ..... W Carson 94
508 (6) 11211-9 MAC'S IMP 14 (CD,BF,F,G) (Tamdown Ltd) W O'Gorman 3-8-0 ..... A Munro ● 99
509 (11) 22210-5 SIR HARRY HARDMAN 18 (D,G,S) (P Hobbs) F Lee 3-8-0 ..... M Roberts 89
510 (1) 421315- DOMINIO 231 (D,F) (Mrs R Kennard) P Walwyn 3-7-11 ..... G Bardwell 81
511 (8) 1135- FURAJET 298 (D,F,G) (Maktoum Al Maktoum) A Scott 3-7-11 ..... R Fox 80

BETTING: 3-1 Anjiz, 4-1 Boozy, 9-2 Elbio, 6-1 Mac's Imp, 8-1 Be Fresh, 10-1 Rivers Rhapsody, 12-1 others.

1990: STATOBLEST 4-8-10 L Dettori (5-6 fav) L Cumani 11 ran

FORM FOCUS

BE FRESH beat Amigo Menor 1*l in Goodwood (6f, good to firm) handicap* in August. CHOIR PRACTICE staying-on 3¼l 3rd of 21 to Bold Lez in Newbury (5f, good) handicap.
ELBIO ½l 2nd to Case Law in listed race here (6f, good to firm) with SIR HARRY HARDMAN (2lb better off) 3½l 5th on first run since July. BOOZY 7¾l 5th to Daylur at Longchamp (5f, good); beaten a sh hd by Statobleet in this race (good to firm) last term. RIVERS RHAPSODY 6¼l 5th (placed 4th) to Haiky at Kempton (6f, good). ANJIZ weakened 2*l out when 4¾l 5th to* Mystiko here (7f, good to firm); easily beat Big Biker 2½l in listed race at Ripon (6f, good) in August. MAC'S IMP well beaten last of 8 to Norton Challenger on Thirsk (6f, good) reappearance; beat Distinctly North a nk at Phoenix Park (6f, good) on penultimate start. DOMINIO 4l 5th to Distinctly North at Doncaster (5f, good). FURAJET weakened 1f out when 8½l 5th to Chicanca here (good).
Selection: ANJIZ

4.45 LADBROKES HANDICAP (£11,160: 1m 2f) (12 runners) C4

601 (9) 011410- RED TOTO 210 (CD,F) (M Hawkes) A Stewart 4-10-0 ..... M Roberts 87
602 (7) 180- LORD CHARMER 254 (C,F) (Lord White of Hull) J Gosden 4-9-12 ..... Pat Eddery 89
603 (6) 135501- UTIHAAD 201 (CD,F) (Hamdan Al-Maktoum) W Ham 4-9-12 ..... W Carson 85
604 (2) 400-516 OPERATION WOLF 11 (CD,BF,F) (NTC (Racing) Ltd) C Brittain 5-8-6 R Cochrane ● 99
605 (10) 31113/2- RUN DON'T FLY 296 (F,G) (J Gutkin) P Cole 5-8-2 ..... T Quinn 87
606 (11) 11520-6 TIDEMARK 18 (D,F,G) (Lord De La Warr) L Cumani 4-8-0 ..... L Dettori 98
607 (8) 31/3100- OH SO RISKY 51J (F,S) (Oh So Risky Syndicate) D Elsworth 4-8-13 S Cauthen 87
608 (3) 362241- AKAROA 178 (J Slade) W Jarvis 4-8-11 ..... L Piggott 84
609 (1) 314416- SECRET SOCIETY 175 (F) (Lord Matthews) M Camacho 4-8-11 ..... N Connorton 87
610 (4) 062220- MARINE DIVER 204 (G) (C Shiacolas) P Cole 5-8-1 ..... C Rutter 96
611 (12) 43403-0 KNOCK KNOCK 11 (C,D,F,G) (G Smart) I Balding 5-8-0 ..... S D'Gorman (3) 90
612 (5) 00201-0 CALLIPOLI 18 (C,G) (Mrs B Long) John FitzGerald 4-7-13 ..... R Fox 89

BETTING: 9-4 Tidemark, 3-1 Oh So Risky, 9-2 Lord Charmer, 8-1 Operation Wolf, 10-1 Utihaad, 12-1 others.

1990: ERADICATE 5-8-8 C Asmussen (13-2) P Calver 10 ran

FORM FOCUS

RED TOTO beat Bottles 1½l at Yarmouth (1m 2f, good to firm) on penultimate start. LORD CHARMER 4¾l 7th to Enharmonic in a listed race at York (7f, good to firm).
UTIHAAD beat Reheem 4l at Leicester (1m 2f, firm). OPERATION WOLF 4¾l 6th to No Submission at Kempton (1m 2f, good) with KNOCK KNOCK 1¾l 9th; earlier impressive in beating Sinclair Boy 5l over course and distance (good to firm) with TIDEMARK (5lb better off) 6l 5th and CALLIPOLI 12th of 14. RUN DON'T FLY 1l 2nd to Pirate Army at Chepstow (1m 4f, good). OH SO RISKY, winner of the Triumph hurdle in March, beat Sunset 7l at Sandown (1m 3f 110yd, good to firm) last May. AKAROA beat Saydita 3½l at Southwell (AW, 1m 4f). SECRET SOCIETY beat Harry Way ¾l at Ascot (1m 4f, good to firm) with TIDEMARK 11th and UTIHAAD last of 14. MARINE DIVER 1½l 2nd to Gilderdale at Sandown (1m 2f, good) with KNOCK KNOCK (1lb better off) 3½l 3rd.
Selection: OPERATION WOLF

5.15 CHIPPENHAM PARK MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O colts & geldings: £4,269: 7f) (6 runners)

1 (3) 32-3 CLARET 14 (Lord Rotherwick) W Hern 9-0 ..... L Piggott 93
2 (2) 4- GREENDALE 315 (Sheikh Mohammed) C Brittain 9-0 ..... S Cauthen 80
3 (1) MATHKOOR (Maktoum Al Maktoum) A Scott 9-0 ..... Pat Eddery —
4 (5) 68- SALWAN 189 (W Jarvis) W Jarvis 9-0 ..... M Tebbutt 71
5 (4) SECOND SET (R Duchossois) L Cumani 9-0 ..... L Dettori —
6 (6) 2 SHALEEL 16 (Hamdan Al-Maktoum) P Walwyn 9-0 ..... W Carson ● 98

BETTING: 6-4 Shaleel, 7-2 Claret, 5-1 Second Set, 8-1 Mathkoor, 12-1 Greendale, 20-1 Salwan.

1990: KHULM 9-0 N Adams (16-1) L Holt 11 ran

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per cent	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per cent
H Cecil	98	416	23.6	S Cauthen	123	635	19.4
W Hern	39	176	22.2	W Carson	95	634	15.0
M Stoute	68	376	18.1	W R Swinburn	70	499	14.0
L Cumani	65	385	16.9	Pat Eddery	84	604	13.9
J Gosden	8	51	15.7	L Piggott	11	84	13.1
A Scott	9	68	13.2	R Cochrane	64	532	12.0

(Not including yesterday's results)

THIRSK

MANDARIN	THUNDERER	MICHAEL SEELY
2.15 Conned Again.	2.15 Pop To Stans.	3.20 Yearsley.
2.45 Smiles Ahead.	2.45 Tufraj.	
3.20 State Dancer.	3.20 Cashtal Dazzler.	
3.50 Buzzards Crest.	3.50 Shawiniga.	
4.25 Zeboim.	4.25 Spanish Harlem.	
4.55 Simmie's Special.	4.55 Mazarine Blue.	
5.25 Ashdren.	5.25 Susanna's Secret.	

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM (ROUND COURSE FIRM) — SIS
DRAW: 5F-6F HIGH NUMBERS BEST

2.15 MARKET PLACE MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: £2,781: 5f) (16 runners)

1 (6) CUMBRIAN CAVALIER (Cumbrian Industrials Ltd) M H Easterby 9-10 ..... M Birch —
2 (14) FYLDE FLYER (Blackpool Gazette & Herald Ltd) J Berry 9-10 ..... J Murray —
3 (5) NOBLE CAUSE (A Duckworth) R Earnshaw 9-10 ..... A Mackay —
4 (8) POP TO STANS (W Spink) T Barron 9-10 ..... Alex Greaves (3) —
5 (15) REGAL PASSION (P Savill) M H Easterby 9-10 ..... K Darley —
6 (10) 554 *AHURA 7 (B) (A Booth) N Tinkler 8-7* ..... Kim Tinkler ● 99
7 (1) 0 CASHTAL RUNNER 7 (Mrs J Jordan) Mrs J Jordan 8-7 ..... D Thompson (7) —
8 (12) 06 CONNED AGAIN 5 (Sheriff Hutton Racing Club) M W Easterby 8-7 ..... J Fanning (5) 93
9 (13) 0 DUBLIN STAR 7 (M Brittain) M Brittain 8-7 ..... S Maloney (5) —
10 (4) FULL STEAM (Mrs S Rudolf) J Watts 8-7 ..... Dean McKeown —
11 (3) 0 MARK OF SILVER 24 (Mrs G Maloney) R Hollinshead 8-7 ..... G Hind (3) —
12 (7) WATCH ME GO (121 Racing Club) Bob Jones 8-7 ..... Paul Eddery —
13 (9) SHAATRA (I Maubarak) M Moubarak 8-5 ..... A Cruz —
14 (11) HERORA (Mrs L Graham) N Graham 8-2 ..... S Mulvey (7) —
15 (3) LADY MACBETH (Mrs P Dowell) J Balding 8-2 ..... J Fortune —
16 (16) NOT SO PLEASING (R Lamn) M H Easterby 8-2 ..... J Lowe —

BETTING: 4-1 Fylde Flyer, 5-1 Regal Passion, 6-1 Full Steam, 7-1 Cunbrian Cavalier, 10-1 Not So Pleasing, 12-1 Shaatra, 14-1 Conned Again, 16-1 others.

1990: TINKINS WOOD 7-13 Dale Gibson (11-8 fav) R Boss 11 ran

2.45 MAY CLAIMING STAKES (3-Y-O: £2,694: 1m 4f) (13 runners)

1 (11) 056-60 TUFRAJ 12 (V,BF) (M Suhail) M Stoute 9-7 ..... Paul Eddery 78
2 (7) 003300- FOURSINGH 221 (F) (Four Racing) J Berry 9-3 ..... K Darley ● 99
3 (13) 5600-0 ONE FOR THE CHIEF 23 (V) (Mrs J Button) R Whitaker 9-3 ..... A Culhane 74
4 (6) 0 LOCH DERG LASS 15 (Bob Menzies Ltd) R Simpson 9-2 ..... A Tucker (5) —
5 (3) 164020 ROBERTY LEA 8 (D Bowker) T Fairhurst 8-1 ..... J Fanning (5) 93
6 (5) 5-40025 CASTLE MERLIN 23 (T Mellor) R Ingram 8-13 ..... A Mackay 80
7 (6) 040-400 AL SABAK 6 (Mrs B Faccinno) R Hollinshead 8-11 ..... S Parks 78
8 (9) 5140-26 SMILES AHEAD 7 (G) (C Barber-Lomax) J Hetherton 8-9 ..... W Newnes 98
9 (1) 00-0 PLEASANT TIMES 10 (M Britain) M Britain 8-7 ..... S Maloney (5) 79
10 (10) 0-560 DERRING PET 7 (J Parkes) J Parkes 8-3 ..... J Lowe 83
11 (12) 0 BETTER BE BOLD 7 (R Huggins) M Johnston 8-2 ..... R P Elliott —
12 (4) 0 LOCH GARANNE 23 (G Wilkinson) M Camacho 8-2 ..... S Morris —
13 (2) 0- PAQUERETTE 221 (Miss H Blacker) A Smith 8-2 ..... S Webster —

BETTING: 3-1 Smiles Ahead *4-1 Foursingh, 6-1 Loch Derg Lass,* Roberty Lea, 7-1 Tufraj, 8-1 Castle Merlin, 10-1 Al Sabak, 12-1 One For The Chief, 16-1 others.

1990: THE HEALY 8-9 A Culhane (7-1) R Whitaker 11 ran

3.20 THIRSK HUNT CUP (Handicap: £11,550: 1m) (15 runners)

1 (15) 11/2-0 MAKBUL 25 (B,F) (H Al-Maktoum) D Morley 4-9-10 ..... G Hind (3) 80
2 (9) 151000- YEARSLEY 231 (CD,F,G) (I Armitage) M H Easterby 5-9-8 ..... M Birch 85
3 (2) 300100- DANCING MONARCH 318 (CD,F) (S Reakes) R Hollinshead 6-9-7 ..... S Parks 80
4 (6) 02236-5 DISSONANT 18 (D,F) (Ecurie Fustok) M Moubarak 4-9-1 ..... A Cruz 87
5 (8) 03105-7 STATE DANCER 14 (D,F) (Ecurie Fustok) M Moubarak 4-9-1 ..... Dean McKeown 83
6 (7) 442450- PARLIAMENT PIECE 254 (F) (G Farndon) R Whitaker 5-8-0 ..... J Fortune —
7 (13) 0/3000 MARDOOD 14 (S) (G Cooper) N Graham 5-8-9 ..... D Nicholls ● 99
8 (4) 110105 TEMPERING 49 (BF,F) (M Hill) D Chapman 5-8-7 ..... D Biggs (5) 92
9 (5) 515520 DOULAB'S IMAGE 11 (B,D) (Claremont Services) J Glover 4-8-6 ..... Dale Gibson 87
10 (1) 5305-34 AZUREUS 10 (F) (J Murdoch) J S Wilson 3-8-6 ..... L Charnock 90
11 (3) 043-564 CASHTAL DAZZLER 5 (B,CD,F) (G Atkinson) J Berry 4-8-4 ..... A Mackay 82
12 (12) 600550- A'R RAIDER 263 (F) (P Orr) J S Wilson 4-8-2 ..... J Lowe 91
13 (11) 15454-1 HABETA 7 (D,F,G) (R Bokenham) J Watts 5-8-1 ..... J Quinn 88
14 (10) 4000-04 GENAIR 9 (D,F) (N Firth) G Moore 6-7-8 ..... N Carlisle 85
15 (14) 6-62225 PIMSBOY 9 (B,F) (Cortax Window Systems Ltd) P Blockley 4-7-7 ..... N Carlisle 85

Long handicap: Pimsboy 6-12

BETTING: 7-2 State Dancer, 11-2 Yearsley, 6-1 Parliament Piece, 7-1 Habeta, 8-1 Dissonant, 10-1 Dancing Monarch, 12-1 Tempering, Cashtal Dazzler, 14-1 others.

1990: YEARSLEY 4-8-13 M Birch (11-4 fav) M H Easterby 15 ran

3.50 SURFACHEM LADIES HANDICAP (£2,694: 1m 4f) (19 runners)

1 (1) 40/12-24 COME TO TERMS 24 (D,BF,F) (Mrs S Hutchinson) T Barron 5-11-7 ..... Maxine Juster 98
2 (8) 01539-0 LONGSHOREMAN 21 (F) (Mrs S Gilmour) M Bell 4-11-3 ..... Tara Dudley-Smith (3) 97
3 (14) 321510- PASSED PAWN 176 (D,S) (H Illingworth) M Tompkins 4-10-12 ..... Sally Smithson (3) 94
4 (5) 002000 MIGHTY GLOW 19 (V,F) (Mrs A Rubin) C Tinkler 7-10-6 ..... Amanda Brook (3) 83
5 (7) /624/00- SKY CAT 150 (G) (Gymcrak Racing II Plc) M H Easterby 7-10-5 ..... Sarah Easterby —
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RUGBY UNION

Harlequins carry familiar burden of cup favouritism

By DAVID HANDS

NORTHAMPTON'S approach to Twickenham has been miserly. In reaching its first Pilkington Cup final today, the Midland club has done scarcely more than is necessary, scoring four tries in its four qualifying matches. For a club in such internal turmoil two years ago, it is no mean achievement.

In the sharpest of contrasts, Harlequins, the game's aristocrats, with 17 tries in this season's competition, have seemed predestined for the final so long as the draw continued to steer them clear of the best of the rest – Bath and Wasps. Not that their path to the final has been easy: a two-point thriller at Kingsholm; their old rivals, Rosslyn Park, from down the road; and extra time against a gutsy Nottingham XV.

Since, too, Harlequins have contributed seven players to the England squad this season, the demands upon them have been as never before. But in those three cup games against first-division opponents, they have made only one change, when Will Carling withdrew injured from the semi-final tie with Nottingham.

They must carry the weight of overwhelming favouritism into the final but they are well equipped to do so: 11 of their players have played international rugby and, of the other four, three appeared in the 1988 cup final, leaving Rob Glenister the exception.

Nor is there a more experienced judge of cup finals than Simon Halliday; his 16 England caps aside, Halliday has played in five finals for Bath. He took part in last season's rout of Gloucester, kicking the final conversion in what was then believed to be his final first-class match since an operation on a chronic ankle condition awaited. How well he has recovered is indicated by the speed with which his new club hustled him into the first XV and his country into the national squad.

What can Northampton, who lost their final league game a depressing 48-0 against Rosslyn Park, put up against that? Gary Pearce and John Olver can tell them all about pressure at the highest level but the feeling persists that the Saints have already played their "final" in disposing of Orrell at Franklin's Gardens a month ago. That result suggests the players do not lack confidence, though how much that can be attributed to the talismanic presence of Wayne Shelford, the New Zealand No. 8 no longer with them, may be indicated today.

Northampton's strength lies in their tight five forwards, which may give Richard Nancekivell opportunities he was not slow to take for Cornwall against Yorkshire a fortnight ago on the same stage.

"If we do everything at 100 per cent we can give them a game," Pearce said, doubtless hoping that John Steele can gain some control, both in his general play from stand-off half and his place kicking. Steele has registered 46 points in the cup this season (against 53 by David Pears) and, if Northampton are to prevail, he must take every chance afforded. Even if he does, it is unlikely to be enough.

PATHS TO THE FINAL: Harlequins: beat Clifton 56-4; beat Gloucester 15-13; beat Rosslyn Park 24-12; beat Nottingham 22-18 (aet). Northampton: beat Harrogate 18-4; beat Saracens 16-10; beat Moseley 10-6; beat Orrell 18-10.

TODAY'S TEAMS AT TWICKENHAM

Harlequins			Northampton	
S Thresher	15	Full back	I Hunter	15
A Harriman	14	Right wing	F Packman	14
W Carling	13	Right centre	J Thame	13
S Halliday	12	Left centre	P Moss	12
E Davis	11	Left wing	H Thorneycroft	11
D Pears	10	Stand off	J Steele	10
R Glenister	9	Scrum half	R Nancekivell	9
J Leonard	1	Prop	G Baldwin	1
B Moore	2	Hooker	J Olver	2
A Mullins	3	Prop	*G Pearce	3
M Skinner	6	Flanker	P Alston	6
T Coker	4	Lock	C Hall	4
P Ackford	5	Lock	J Etheridge	5
*P Winterbottom	7	Flanker	P Pask	7
R Langhorn	8	No 8	T Rodber	8

*Captain

Referee: E Morrison (Gloucestershire)

REPLACEMENTS: 16 N Killick, 17 C Luxton, 18 G Thompson, 19 P Challinor, 20 M Russell, 21 M Hobley.

REPLACEMENTS: 16 D Elkington, 17 B Ward, 18 M Ebsworth, 19 P Roworth, 20 V Pocklington, 21 D Newman.

DES JENSON



Raindrops keep falling: But for Richard Langhorn, the man with no asterisk to his name, the sun will shine if Harlequins take the Pilkington Cup

Colours that still dazzle for Langhorn

By DAVID HANDS
RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

SIX years ago Richard Langhorn was nominated most promising newcomer at the Harlequins' end-of-season players' dinner, which is something of an albatross to hang around anyone's neck. Today he claims another distinction: the only non-international in the Harlequins' pack which plays against Northampton in the Pilkington Cup final.

The angular Langhorn, aged 26, will also be, with Stuart Thresher, the longest-serving club member on the field; coincidentally, both were educated at Sevenoaks where, doubtless, dependability and loyalty come high on the curriculum. There have been times, since 1985, when Langhorn's patience has been tested because he has been, by no means, an automatic choice but he has stuck admirably to the club he joined "because I saw the colours on television and liked them.

"It's a frustrating club for any player. There is so much depth, so many people coming and going, you can never be too sure of your position. You have to be of the highest standard to be completely secure. Perhaps that's no bad thing: the times when there has been no pressure on me, I have played my worst."

The pressure on Langhorn's favoured position of No. 8 has come from a variety of players: the nomadic Chris Butcher, a senior international; Stuart Thresher's brother, David, a B international; the Australian international, Troy Coker, whom Harlequins prefer at lock. "You can't afford to put a step wrong, including injuries and work commitments. And if you are out, you have to bide your time."

Langhorn has all the matter-of-factness of his native Australia but a cosmopolitan background which makes him a natural for Harlequins. Because his father was employed by Qantas, he spent 12 years in Scandinavia before returning to Sydney and then completing his education in Kent. He has the opportunity next month to return to Australia, this time with the London Division touring party.

As a schoolboy, his rugby contribution was limited but his size – he is now 6ft 6in – always ensured him a place at second row and the more he learned about the game, the more he grew to appreciate playing in the back row. As a youngster he enjoyed watching Mark Loane, probably the best No. 8 Australia ever produced, perform while the natural competitive attitude of his country became deep seated. "Even at the low level I played in Australia, the competition was unbeatable."

Now he is surrounded by kindred spirits, Brian Moore, Peter Winterbottom, Mickey Skinner whose edge has been honed by international rugby. Not that Langhorn feels out of place when the programme shows no asterisk by his name: "I played with all the others – except Brian and Wints – when they were not internationals. It means nothing.

"They're the guys you train with. You know that the cup means as much to them as it does to you, whatever they have achieved at other levels. It holds a special place, it brings a glint to their eye.

"Three years ago [when Harlequins won a magnificent final against Bristol] in the three months prior to the cup final, we used only 17 players and there came a stage when I was seeing more of them than I did my girl friend or my parents. We had a shared single-mindedness. This year we have done well but with more players. We haven't developed the same continuity we did then.

"Also the outside pressure has been greater, because rugby demands so much at a time when I'm having to work even harder at business [Langhorn is a money broker.] The City has taken a bit of a beating in the last year and individuals are feeling the strain, really having to earn their way."

At Twickenham today, Langhorn will earn his way against another promising No. 8, Tim Rodber; but then, his senior career has been spent doing just that and he may well reflect that the demand could have been greater. Had New Zealand not called Wayne Shelford home, the former All Black would have been his opposite number. Now that would have given him a hint of what Loane, his role model, experienced.

The giant who may have to change allegiance

By OWEN JENKINS

THE MAN with the cockney accent has found a warm welcome among the lilting Scarlets, however much they may try to take the rise. "They call me Dagenham Dai or Fletch but Rupert Moon and I give as good as we get," Anthony Copsey said.

Today, at the end of his first full season with Llanelli, the 6ft 7in, 17 stone Copsey plays against Pontypool in the Schweppes Cup final, hoping that the National Stadium will provide the stage for recognition from England's selectors. He will spend the summer working on a personal fitness programme designed to advance his claims for a place in England's second row although Wales may ultimately benefit.

Although England deferred the announcement of two second row places for their tour of Australia this summer, Copsey never expected a late call-up. After playing for England Students and touring Namibia with them last year, he finds "English rugby above club level is much better organised and so much more switched on". Under the new residency rules, Copsey will, however, be eligible for Wales in another two years after living in the principality for four years after attending Cardiff Institute.

"I am English through and through," he said, "but if nothing happens then it is something I will have to consider. I didn't think I was with a chance to go to Australia with England. I'm at the end of my first year in club rugby and now I have my own personal targets.

"Being out of the English limelight perhaps makes it difficult to get some notice." But Copsey could not have chosen a better tutor alongside him in the second row than Phil May, although Copsey will miss him there today because of May's dislocated shoulder. "Phil is very good alongside me and is always talking to me during the match to sort out any problems," he said.

"It's a brilliant feeling being associated with Llanelli in this final and my loyalties are very much on the Welsh scene at the moment. Everything I need is in Llanelli but if I wanted to further my career I may have to consider my position in a year or two."

Lynagh's threat of a ban

MICHAEL Lynagh, the gifted Australian stand-off half and Queensland captain, is at the centre of an advertising controversy which may bring him a ban. He has appeared in television commercials without Queensland and Australian Rugby Union approval for Brewer Power's despite the QRU's longstanding sponsorship contract with Castlemaine Perkins, the brewery.

He appears to have breached the international board's regulation 4.1. The QRU executive director, Terry Doyle, said the advertisement had embarrassed the union, which had a duty to protect its sponsor.

Lynagh, who has shares in Power's, expected the officials' response. "That just shows the hypocrisy in the game and its archaic framework," he said. "I show my loyalty to the game by rejecting a million-dollar rugby league offer last year and they want to deny me my right to make a commercial decision."

Tradition favours Llanelli in final

By GERALD DAVIES

WELSH rugby has had few more gratifying sights this season than the remarkable revival, survival even, of Pontypool. This afternoon, against Llanelli, they are back at the Cardiff Arms Park for the first time since 1983 in an attempt to lift the Schweppes Cup for the second time.

Pontypool's style has its vociferous and even angry critics. But their strengths, particularly at forward have been sorely missed in Wales.

In their matches since their revival began around Christmas, their success has been sustained by the old Pontypool virtues based on rugged power and unyielding forward pressure. Llanelli did not have too bright a start to their season, either. They are ending it though with a stylish flourish.

Pontypool have two points of concern. Are their assets too limited? Can they cope with the day? Llanelli can always be depended upon to provide something extra and have speed and invention in the backs.

Llanelli revel in the big time in the way their opponents, whenever the time comes, fight shy of it. Llanelli have won the cup on six occasions. The Gwent club have only been to the final once. At other times they have faltered. Before they get to think of the tactics, Pontypool must first of all come to terms with the occasion.

PONTYPOOL: A Perry, S White, R Lewis, S McGauchie, S Henson, D Phillips, J Jonathan, A Dibble, G Jenkins, L Mustoe, C Hulett, N Jones, R Goodey, V Davies, D Oswald.
LLANELLI: I Jones; I Evans, N Davies, S Davies, S Bowling, C Stephens, R Moon, R Evans, D Fox, L Delaney, E Lewis, P Davies, A Copsey, L Jones, J Williams.

BADMINTON

Whitewash eases Ciniglio's task

From RICHARD EATON IN COPENHAGEN

ENGLAND'S return to the first division of the Sudirman Cup was ensured here yesterday by a 5-0 victory over the Netherlands which caused the manager, Ciro Ciniglio, to pronounce that this was "his first job done".

Ciniglio returned to the role in August after five years, and did so in far more difficult circumstances than those in which he left. He plans nothing less than the complete regeneration of the England team.

His first hurdle cleared was achieved, finally, with the assistance of Darren Hall. The English national champion ignored the discomfort in his back that had kept him out of the victories over Taiwan and Malaysia, to win 15-7, 15-11 against Chris Bruil, a forceful but variable youngster who had nearly beaten the England No. 2, Steve Butler, in last year's European championships.

Bruil scored well with tight overhead drops but extracted short lifts which he put away with sharp smashes, sometimes delivered from a spectacular airborne preparation. Hall's movement was slightly restricted but he noticeably increased the pressure in the middle of each game and Bruil could never quite match the pace without making mistakes.

England's other leading singles player, Helen Troke, also played with spirit. She recovered from 4-9 in the first game and let slip a 10-2 lead in the second game during which her opponent, Astrid van der Knaap, saved four match points. The tall player from The Hague, who twice beat Troke two seasons ago, had looked finished at 4-10 when she collapsed like a fallen tree upon the base of the scoreboard.

She arose to advance to 11-10 before two tired looking mistakes handed back the initiative which Troke accepted with an overhead sliced dropshot winner at match point.

The other important English win came in the opening encounter from Andy Goode and Gillian Gowers in the mixed doubles. Troke's success ensured a winning 3-0 lead.

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High society clans gather for braves of Badminton

By KEN LAWRENCE

IT IS the very epitome of Britishness. Badminton represents something that still means something to many of this nation. You have a famous house in a picturesque estate; you have high society and royal patronage; Barbours and Land Rovers by the thousand; gun dogs with pedigrees as long as the flag pole. And you have, of course, the horses, full of bravado and courage, and their riders similarly invested.

Today is the third and most spectacular of the four days over which the Whitbread Trophy is contested at the Badminton horse trials – the cross country. Upwards of 150,000 will converge upon this Cotswolds retreat and millions more will be watching on both BBC channels this afternoon (*Grandstand* from 1.15 and BBC 2 at 4.40).

For an event that is losing its sponsor after 30 years once the Princess of Wales presents the trophy tomorrow, Badminton is in remarkably fine fettle. They will probably get another sponsor but if they do not Huw Thomas, the cheerful, director of Badminton insists that they will jog along quite comfortably without one.

As befits one of the great championships, Badminton always attracts a high class field but today's is exceptional by any standard. "We will have the first six from last year's world championships plus two or three others who did not compete or, like Ginny Leng, did not do well but are here this weekend," Thomas said. "I will not say it is the best field ever – but it is certainly of the highest class imaginable."

Viewers today will not easily spot changes to the course. The height of the fences has not altered since 1912 and riders and horses get that little bit better as eventing becomes their way of life than a relaxation.

"There will be some riders who are still part-time amateurs but they will be among the minority. Almost certainly one or two of them will excel over four days and could finish in the top 20, but it is highly unlikely that one of them could spring a surprise and win, wonderful though that would be," Thomas said.

Whitbread's sponsorship has been one of the longest in sporting history and will be missed if a replacement is not found. Thomas is aware that sponsorship enables them to pay more prize money. He says that horse trials are expensive to mount, being on green field sites where everything has to be installed for the event.

"A good sponsor enables us to do things so much better. We can reward the participants better and improve facilities for the public. We have the best riders in the world coming, advanced bookings were up, we are lucky to have a good gate and we always make a good profit. This goes to the British Horse Society and obviously if we have no sponsor they wouldn't get so much."

SPORT ON TELEVISION
THE WEEK IN VIEW

THE WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS

TODAY: ITV will show the Sunderland and Arsenal game live (from 5.15), and the *Saint and Greavsie Show* (ITV 1.20) will also come from Roker Park. The 2,000 Guineas is on Channel 4 (from 2.15), the world snooker semi-finals will be settled at Sheffield (BBC1 at 10.55am, during *Grandstand* – before the second half of the Pilkington Cup final at Twickenham between Harlequins and Northampton – and on BBC2 at 10.05pm). Billy Hardy's IBF bantamweight title tilt against Orlando Canizales is live on both Eurosport (from 8.00) and Sky Sports (from 9.00).
TOMORROW: Opening frames of the world snooker final are in *Sunday Grandstand* on BBC2 at 1.55, and then at 6.00, 8.15 and 9.55. Badminton concludes with showjumping (about 3.30 on *Grandstand*). Live Refuge Assurance League cricket between Glamorgan and Nottinghamshire is on Sky Sports (1.00) while Screensport has cycling from Spain (2.00).
MONDAY: The Football League title battle continues on ITV (from 4.50) with Liverpool at Nottingham Forest. Peter Elliott is at the Gateshead athletics meeting which can be seen on *Grandstand* (BBC1, from 1.35), which also carries frames 17 to 24 of the world snooker, with the final 11 frames on BBC2 from 7.15.
TUESDAY: Harry Carpenter (BBC1, 10.55pm) does the honours at the ABA boxing finals. Benson and Hedges cricketers are on Sky Sports from 10.30am.
WEDNESDAY: Derek Angol, the unbeaten British and Commonwealth cruiserweight champion, boxes Tee Jay on Sportsnight (BBC1, 10.25) which also looks at the disgruntled West Indies cricketers.
THURSDAY: When Newcastle's 17-year-old Stephen Watson broke into the first team he was hailed as "the next Gazza". A dozen wished to sign him . . . not clubs, but football agents offering to make him rich for 20 per cent of his earnings. On the Line is back on Thursday (BBC2, 8.30), promising to dig deeper and ask all the hard questions – football agents will be their first victims. Eurosport has the first practice session of the Monaco Grand Prix (8.00pm).
FRIDAY: Screensport brings live European tour golf from Spain (2.00) with the Duke of Edinburgh's favourite sport carriage driving, from the Windsor Horse show (3.30). Grand prix practice at Monaco is on Eurosport (9.30).

STUDENT SPORT

Trial turns into test of venues

By MARK HERBERT

ALTHOUGH intended to be a one-off event, with selection for the World Student Games at Sheffield in mind, the first combined British Students athletics championships, starting this afternoon, have attracted such a large entry that the organisers will consider running the event annually.

More than 1,500 competitors have entered the event, which now needs all three days of the bank holiday weekend to accommodate it. The Don Valley stadium in Sheffield, venue of the athletics in this summer's Games, thus receives an extensive trial run of its competitive and organisational facilities.

The British Student Sports Federation (BSSF), which is organising, will incorporate the British Universities Sports Federation and British Colleges Sports Federation championships into the event.

It was originally feared that the event would clash with other championships, lowering the standard of entry, but the Universities Athletic Union and British Polytechnics Sports Federation held their events last weekend.

The size of entry makes the championships easily the largest single event on the student calendar. The BSSF, which has introduced national student leagues combining all the sectors in some sports this season, will consider ways of continuing the combined athletics championship beyond this year.

Although not the sole trial for the World Student Games competitors, most of the Great Britain selectors and coaches will be present.

NON-LEAGUE FOOTBALL

Guiseley seeking Yorkshire first

By WALTER GAMMIE

THE FA Vase final today promises a fine contest between teams that have dominated their leagues in outstanding fashion this season. Gresley Rovers, the Banks's Brewery League champions, and Guiseley, who swept away with the Weekly Wynner League, expect to draw a crowd of 12,000 to Wembley.

Guiseley, near Bradford, is best known for Harry Ramsden's, the world's biggest fish and chip shop, which duly invited the players in this week for a pre-Wembley treat.

Gordon Rayner, the manager, has enjoyed an extraordinary first season in charge, with Guiseley losing only two of 50 matches. The club, which was knocked out in the semi-finals last year, is looking to break new ground: "There have been five Yorkshire finalists in the Vase, and none of them have won it – we'd like to be the first."

If Gresley, from Burton-on-Trent, win the Vase, they may become the subject of one of those questions beloved of trivia buffs: which club won a Wembley final but lost in the first round? Gresley were defeated by Mile Oak Rovers, but reported their opponents because they had fielded three ineligible players and were reinstated.

Frank Northwood, the manager, said: "We received a nice letter from Mile Oak wishing us all the best. They said they were going to bring a coach down to support us. It really is superb."

Northwood's final addition to the squad was a promising youth team player, his son, Stephan, aged 15, who will be sitting in his newly acquired Gresley flannels and blazer on the bench.

Win or lose at Wembley, both clubs will have much to look forward to next season, Guiseley moving up into the HFS Loans League and Gresley hoping to join the Beazer Homes League, subject to their Moat Ground meeting the grading criteria.

Barnet need but draw

BARRY Fry's long wait may be over (Walter Gammie writes). The Barnet manager takes his team to Fisher Athletic today knowing that a draw will bring the GM Vauxhall Conference title and promotion to the Football League.

Altrincham's 2-0 defeat at home to Northwich, their Cheshire rivals, on Thursday night ended the hopes of John King's side: a return of one point from four matches in a congested programme opening the way for Barnet.

"It's the third time I've gone into the last Saturday of the season with the possibility of going up," Fry said. "It's the first time it's been in our hands."

Fry wants to include Eddie Stein, player-coach, in his squad. "He will be the one to lift up the trophy if we win it," Fry said. "He's been fantastic in his ten-year spell with us, and played in all the back four positions, midfield, wing and even centre forward, and it will be his 500th game for us."

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TENNIS

Sapsford taps into special reserve of Davis Cup form

From ANDREW LONGMORE, TENNIS CORRESPONDENT, WARSAW

PATRIOTISM, they say, is the last refuge of the scoundrel. If so, Danny Sapsford is the biggest rogue of the lot. For the second year in succession, Sapsford discarded some indifferent personal form to respond to the call of his country and give Britain a precious lead in their Davis Cup tie against Poland in Warsaw yesterday.

Last year, Sapsford won the opening match of the tie against Romania in Bucharest; yesterday, despite not winning a match in the last two-and-a-half months, he used the same doughty mixture of guts and consistency to beat Wojtek Kowalski 7-6, 6-2, 6-7, 6-1, and put Britain on a path which, as Jeremy Bates disposed of Tomasz Iwanski in straight sets, should be all downhill now.

"The experience of last year helped me because I knew I could do it," Sapsford said. "But on the other hand it put more pressure on me because my expectations were higher."

Strictly according to ranking, Sapsford's victory was no great surprise, but Davis Cup tennis does not bow the knee to the form book and it was Wojtek Fibak, the Polish captain, not Tony Pickard who had to re-do his pre-match calculations after the defeat of his No. 1 by the British No. 2.

The Poles have yet to beat Britain at tennis and, with the doubles today, their chances of doing so this time are looking increasingly slim. The nearest they have come in six ties was a 3-2 defeat in 1947, which is commemorated in fading pictures at the Legia Tennis Club alongside a gallery of old Polish champions and, rather more incongruously, a colour photograph of Gabriela Sabatini.

History says that the Poles are a tolerant people and yesterday they were celebrating the 200th anniversary of the foundation of their constitution. But long before the end of the three hours and 36 minutes of the opening rubber, which was interrupted for 20 minutes by rain, they had lost patience with their champion's frailties. Poor Kowalski. With a crowd of 4,000 willing to play above him, he sunk without trace beneath a sea of missed forehands. "His forehand was his best shot but it was also a bit erratic. It was just a matter of plugging away," Sapsford said.

Sapsford is a champion plugger. He winkles points out of a match, ceaselessly probing at weaknesses like an oystercatcher on the seashore. He has no match-winning shot but has a good head and a strong heart. The former told him that his best chance of victory lay in being patient, the latter helped him through two moments of doubt, in the first set when he had to save a set point at 3-5 and, later, when the Pole edged back into the match by taking the third set.

Only in the third did the Pole, ranked five places below Sapsford at 258, discover his coherence, but he quickly reverted to his old self early in the fourth.

Bates's task was a little more straightforward. Having lost the first three games, he won the next 13 against Iwanski, who hit every ball as if he never wanted to see it again. The end was delayed more by some controversial line calls than any hints of recovery by the Pole, as Bates won 6-4, 6-0, 6-4.

RESULTS: D Sapsford bt W Kowalski, 7-6, 6-2, 6-7, 6-1; J Bates bt T Iwanski, 6-4, 6-0, 6-4).

HAMBURG: Women's tournament: Quarter-finals: J Wiesner (Austria) bt J Novotna (Cz), 6-1, 6-3; A Sánchez Vicario (Sp) bt L Meskhi (USSR), 6-2, 6-1; M Seles (Yug) bt H Sukova (Cz), 6-0, 6-1; S Graf (Ger) bt K Maleeva (Rom), 6-3, 6-3.

Forget's opening shot

NIMES (Reuter) — Guy Forget, the world No. 5, gave France a 1-0 lead in the Davis Cup world group quarter-final against Australia yesterday when he beat Wally Masur in straight sets.

Forget, battling the Mistral wind that swirled around the Roman arena where the three-day match is being played, won 6-3, 6-3, 6-4 in 2hr 18min. Masur was unable to settle and went 5-0 down before taking his first game on the clay court.

Ireland trailed 2-0 as Romania took command of the European/African zone relegation play-off in Bucharest with comfortable victories by Andrei Pavel over Owen Casey and Adrian Marcu over Eoin Collins. Pavel won 6-4, 6-1, 6-1 and Marcu 6-4, 6-2, 6-3.

Smith keeps his faith

By LOUISE TAYLOR



TED DITCHBURN

Relaxed stance: Smith looks forward with optimism

THE worried look usually worn by football managers contemplating relegation was absent from Denis Smith's features this week. Sunderland may be second from bottom of the first division, but he is doing something right. "The board has not resigned, I am not in danger of being sacked, crowds are not down, the media are behind us, and none of my players wants to leave," he said.

But if Sunderland fail to beat Arsenal, who are after the championship, in front of the television cameras at Roker Park this evening, demotion is virtually assured.

Optimism is Smith's hallmark, however. "Over-confidence, arrogance even, is one of my faults, but maybe if I can communicate it to my players it will turn out to be a virtue on this occasion."

Outside of north London, many will be wishing Smith well tonight, and not just because Sunderland attract the sort of travelling support that has helped line the coffers of fellow first-division clubs.

The ground swell of sympathy exists because, as the manager put it: "We play *football*, we have entertained, and that is why the supporters and local press are still backing us."

This season, Sunderland have promised much but rarely collected many points. Smith ascribes this failure to his team's swift passage from the third division to the first in three seasons.

"It is significant that on *innumerable occasions* we have taken the lead, only to lose. That is because when the going gets tough, first-division teams do not fold. So many times my players have thought they had games won, and would have done against second or third-divison sides, but the first division has more of a competitive edge.

"One of the biggest fallacies is that the lower divisions are the hardest physically. The reality is that the first division is the most physical and the fastest. That is why we have twice lost to Arsenal after twice playing very well. My players possess the ability, but have had to toughen up, both physically and mentally."

Smith has been hampered by a lack of money with which to bolster a side that entered the first divison by the back door last summer, after Swindon Town, who beat them in the play-off final, were demoted by the Football League.

The only arrivals have been Kevin Ball, Peter Davenport, and Brian Mooney, for a total of £850,000, from Portsmouth, Middlesbrough, and Preston North End respectively.

With injury forcing Marco Gabbiadini, the outstanding Sunderland player, to miss much of the season, a struggle was inevitable.

Yet, youngsters like Gary Owers, Kieron Brady, and Brian Atkinson offer hope for the future. "When I arrived [from York four years ago] people said I was daft to concentrate on the youth policy, but now it is paying off," Smith said.

"This is a big club — I mean 3,000 came to watch us *train* one morning before the play-offs last season — but, apart from winning the FA Cup in 1973 people have talked about *potential* for the last 40 years. I want us to *win* things.

"I do not believe we will go down, but if we do, the lessons we have learnt should ensure that we come straight back up. People talk about Gabbiadini and Owers being sold in the summer, but that is not an option. They are under contract and they are staying."

As is Smith. "I am sure Stoke City [the club where he spent so many years aa central defender] want me as manager, but I feel I am on the brink of something beautiful here. Rather than cracking up, I think I am on the verge of cracking it."

RUGBY LEAGUE

Tait turns his cheek to Widnes defeat

By KEITH MACKLIN

ACCORDING to Alan Tait, the Widnes and Great Britain full back, the shock of losing to St Helens in the Challenge Cup semi-final has now been fully absorbed, and the team is ready to win a record fourth consecutive Stones Bitter premiership.

Widnes meet Featherstone Rovers in the semi-final at Naughton Park tomorrow, and Tait is in a happier position than most to shrug off the bitter disappointment of the unexpected beating from the Saints. He missed the game with a fractured cheek bone and has not had to wear the sackcloth and ashes of his collegues.

With Tait and Martin Offiah returning after injury, Widnes should reach next week's final at Old Trafford without too much difficulty. Featherstone won muted acclaim for winning at Wigan in the first round, but it has to be pointed out that Wigan played ten reserves in that match as they prepared for the cup final at Wembley.

Rovers have suffered some fearful thumpings at Naughton Park in recent years, and will do well to avoid another tomorrow, despite the defiance of their coach, Peter Fox, who says that his team can repeat the Wigan dose. Tait has said that he bears no grudges over the fact that his fractured cheek bone was sustained in an unpleasant incident in the league game at Featherstone, but he is sure to try to make Rovers pay with an outstanding performance on his return.

In the other first division semi-final, Hull and Leeds meet at the Boulevard to provide a finalist from east of the Pennines. Leeds have been unconvincing this season, and left their first round victory over Castleford to the last movement of the game. Hull should win with home advantage, and if they do so there could be a repeat of the premiership final of two seasons ago when Widness beat Hull.

In the second divison premiership semi-finals, the champions, Salford, seek revenge over the shock team of the year Workington Town, who in March inflicted upon Salford their first league defeat of the season.

In the other semi-final, bankrupt Leigh will put aside their dreadful financial problems and may well spring a shock by winning at Halifax who have shown defensive weaknesses in the closing weeks of the season.

GOLF

Dale Reid moves into sole lead

By MITCHELL PLATTS, GOLF CORRESPONDENT

DALE Reid took sole possession of the lead in the Ford Ladies Classic with a second round of 70 at Woburn Golf and Country Club yesterday. Reid gather five birdies on the way to a halfway total of 138, ten under par, and she leads by four shots from Alison Nicholas, who scored 74.

The chilly conditions did not deter the spectators and Reid rewarded them with an impressive performance. She drove the ball long and straight which, given that thousands of tall pines line the fairways, is a must on the Duchess course.

"It's nice to get a gallery," Reid said. "The only time I usually get one is when I am playing with Laura Davies. It was freezing out there, but they stuck with me all the way round."

Reid believes she can stick to the task and win for the 20th time as a professional. Nicholas, however, showed her resilience by refusing to allow three successive dropped shots from the 10th to disrupt her rhythm. She did admit that she is struggling to judge the pace of the greens which are slow.

Cathy Panton-Lewis, whose father John, the former Ryder Cup player, is the honorary professional of the Royal and Ancient, had three of her seven birdies at short holes in a 71 for a total of 144.

Helen Wadsworth, the Curtis Cup player, comfortably made the halfway cut in her first appearance as a professional. She followed her opening 77 with a 72 in which she had four birdies. Marie Laure de Lorenzi of France, the winner for the past two years, ballooned to a 79 but still survived.

☐ Mark McNulty is on course to win the Cannes Open for the third time in four years after a 66, six under par, in the second round at Mougins. The 1988 and 1990 winner is on of 136, eight under, one ahead of the Ulster pair, David Feherty and Stephen Hamill, and David Williams of England.

But a fluffed 18-inch putt means that another objective of 37-year-old McNulty, the world No. 7, will have to wait. "I've never gone through a tournament without having a bogey and just after I thought about that I went and missed the putt," he said.

It came on the third green, but five holes later McNulty was reminded that golf is "a strange bloody game".

Steve Richardson, the European Tour leader, virtually certain to make his Ryder Cup debut, has some making up to do at two under after a 70.

HOCKEY

England's route gets harder

From ALIX RAMSAY IN BRUSSELS

AS THE opening rounds of the the women's European Cup reach the halfway stage, England are at the top of group B, having gained maximum points from their first two games.

But they know that the real work begins now. Today, they play the second-placed Soviet Union in what could prove to be a tough physical match.

This tournament is part of the USSR's attempt to re-establish itself internationally, having pulled out of last year's World Cup for financial reasons. A win for England will not guarantee them a place in the semi-finals, but it will put pressure on Spain and France when they play England next week.

In group A, Wales were predictably beaten 6-0 by The Netherlands, the champions. As Wolff opened the scoring, the heavens opened and the Welsh hopes were doused. Wolff scored again, followed by Van der Ben, De Ruiter, Benninga and Lejeune.

While Ireland started well against the host nation, the Belgians went ahead before half-time thanks to Caesens's shot from a short corner. McKee equalised mid-way through the second half from a short corner to earn Ireland a 1-1 draw.

United delay Spurs match after all

MANCHESTER United have finally called off next week's first division game against Tottenham — and rescheduled it for 24 hours before England's match against the Soviet Union at Wembley.

"It's something we will have to iron out with the FA," a spokesman for the Football League said after sanctioning the switch from next Wednesday to May 20.

Paul Gascoigne, Gary Lineker, Gary Pallister and Lee Sharpe are players who must wait to see whether they will play for club or country after the fixture move, which is designed to help ease United's pre-Cup Winners' Cup Final fixture congestion. United must still meet Arsenal at Highbury on Monday and Crystal Palace at Selhurst Park next Saturday, after today's derby game against Manchester City, before facing Barcelona on May 15.

Spurs face Nottingham Forest at Wembley on May 18 in the FA Cup Final — and they will face United two days later regardless of whether they are involved in a replay against Forest on May 23.

☐ West Ham have been advised to return their Cup Final ticket allocation to the FA rather than forward them straight to Tottenham as a neighbourly gesture.

☐ The West Bromwich Albion manager Bobby Gould has signed a two-year contract at The Hawthorns. Gould, appointed in March, has impressed despite Albion's slip into the relegation zone.

Easy recognition in US

PLAYERS at the 1994 World Cup finals in the United States will carry their names on the back of their shirts and numbers on the front. The innovation was agreed by senior FIFA officials in Zurich yesterday as "a gesture of goodwill for the spectators and media".

The two substitutes may also be chosen from among all 11 reserve players instead of five as at present. However, a request by the US organising committee to have replays instead of penalty shoot-outs to settle drawn matches was deferred.

The changes are still subject to approval by the FIFA executive committee meeting in Lisbon on June 13. The 1994 finals will start on June 10 or 17 and will be played on similar lines to the last two World Cups.

Plastic sale

Luton Town Football Club is offering its supporters the chance to buy a souvenir square from its plastic pitch.

WEEKEND TEAM NEWS

Coventry v Sheffield U

Regis, who has not been offered a new contract, plays his last game for Coventry. Bryson could miss United's last three games through injury. Bradshaw, Gannon and Hill are still out but Wilder and Morris are fit.

Chelsea v Liverpool

Wise returns from suspension and Cundy and Monkou after injury for Chelsea. Ablett faces a fitness test on an ankle injury but Gillespie, Rush and Speedie are all expected to report fit for Liverpool after minor injuries. Hysen is added to the squad.

Derby v Southampton

Shilton, who has missed three games with a hamstring injury, could return for Derby as could Wright, who missed England's game in Turkey. Hall, signed from Scunthorpe for £200,000 in March, could make his debut for Southampton, who are without Osman because of injury.

Everton v Luton

Atteveld is recalled to take the place of Keown — who is suspended — in Everton's central defence alongside Watson, who is back after a four-match absence through concussion. Ebbrell moves to right back. Luton defer selection until they discover whether or not Sharp plays for Everton.

Leeds v Aston Villa

Williams will take the place of Strachan, who begins a two-match suspension. Mountfield returns for Villa after injury. Cascarino, dropped to substitute in the 5-1 home defeat to Manchester City, could return.

Man Utd v Man City

United will be without Sharpe, who has still to recover from a calf injury, and Kvntschelskius, their Soviet signing, who has yet to receive his work permit. Walsh deputises for Sealey. City prefer Margitson, a former Welsh youth international, in goal to Dibble — who is on loan at Middlesbrough — as replacement for the suspended Coton.

Norwich v QPR

Bowen, Crook and Gordon are set to return for Norwich. Rangers, still without Ferdinand, who is recovering from a hernia operation, should be unchanged.

Sunderland v Arsenal

Kay is expected to return from a back injury to face his former colleagues and Atkinson is also in contention. Armstrong is banned. *There are no surprises in the Arsenal squad, though Groves could replace Limpar.*

Tottenham v N Forest

Gascoigne is back in the Tottenham squad for this FA Cup dress rehearsal after a reaction to his stomach operation caused him to withdraw from the England squad. There is no place for Hodge, who played as substitute for England, in the Forest side, for whom Charles has withdrawn with a shoulder injury to be replaced by Laws.

Wimbledon v C Palace

Young misses the reunion with his former club through injury but not Thorn, who returns for Palace after suspension, probably at Southgate's expense. Bright should also be back after ligament trouble. Wimbledon include Newhouse and Ardley, both teenagers, in their squad.

SQUASH RACKETS

Officials are a let-down for England

GELSENKIRCHEN — While the England players were romping happily into today's finals of the European team championships here, the official party from the English Squash Rackets Association was yesterday fumbling unknowingly into embarrassment at the annual meeting of the European Federation (Colin McQuillan writes).

The English women started the day on a high note with a comprehensive semi-final victory over Finland. The men followed by defeating the increasingly grim-faced Germans but nothing could stop English officials from incurring the wrath of other European representatives.

Lack of sponsorship and facilities were the reasons of Paul Turton, the English SRA chairman, for withdrawing earlier bids to stage both the European junior championships and the European club championship in England next season.

IN BRIEF

A French ambition

BEN Johnson and Carl Lewis have been invited to race each other in Villeneuve d'Ascq, near Lille, France, on July 1 in their first direct meeting since 100 metres final at the 1988 Olympics.

Johnson beat Lewis in the Seoul Olympics but had his gold medal taken away because of drug taking. His form on indoor tracks has been mediocre since his ban ended. The pair have already agreed to meet in Malmö, Sweden, on August 5.

BOWLS: David Warr, after a morning visit to a physiotherapist about his recurring back injury, joined John Ottaway, his Norfolk county colleague and England partner, to beat the Welsh pair, Nigel Williams and Will Thomas, 24-13 in the international classic in Jersey.

CYCLING: Mark Armstrong, Britian's young triple champion, produced a winning farewell to his junior status in Belgium this week, when he was first over the line at the end of the Liège-Aywaille-Liège road race. It was his third victory of the year in Belgium. His first senior event is at Romford, Essex, tomorrow.

HOCKEY: Jonathan Rees, of Hounslow, will captain Wales in the European championship warm-up matches against France, Pakistan and Australia in France next week.

TENNIS: Andrew Castle, left out of the British team for the Davis Cup in Poland, was beaten 6-4, 7-6 by Glenn Layendecker, of the United States, in the semi-final of the Malaysian Open tournament in Kuala Lumpur yesterday.

FOR THE RECORD

BADMINTON

COPENHAGEN: Sudirman Cup: Group two: England bt The Netherlands, 5-0 (A Goode and G Gowers bt A Meijer and E van den Heuvel, 15-8, 15-4; D Hall bt C Bruil, 15-7, 15-11; H Troke bt A van der Knaap, 12-10, 12-11; N Pointing and D Wright bt P Pelaponey and R Steenbergh, 13-15, 15-3, 15-3; G Clark and Gowers bt E Coene and van den Heuvel, 15-7, 15-13); Malaysia 4 Taiwan 1 (England promoted, Taiwan relegated). Group four: Australia 5, Hong Kong 0; Germany 3, New Zealand 2. Group five: India 4, Poland 1; Finland 5, United States 0. Group six: Norway bt Ireland, 5-2; Iceland bt Bulgaria, 5-0 (Norway promoted, Bulgaria relegated). Group seven: Czechoslovakia bt France, 3-2; Switzerland bt Mexico, 3-2 (Czechoslovakia promoted, Mexico relegated). Group eight: Italy bt Malta, 4-1; Spain bt Mauritius, 4-1.

BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE: Milwaukee Brewers 5, Minnesota Twins 1; Toronto Blue Jays 3, Kansas City Royals 1.

BASKETBALL

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA): Play-offs: First round: Atlanta Hawks 123, Detroit Pistons 111 (best-of-five series level, 2-2); Seattle SuperSonics 101, Portland Trail Blazers 89 (best-of-five series level, 2-2); Utah Jazz 101, Phoenix Suns 93 (Utah win best-of-five series, 3-1).

SPEEDWAY

IPSWICH: World championship: British semi-finals: 1, A Smith (unatt), 11pts; 2, J Doncaster (Reading), 11; 3, S Wilson (Bradford), 10. Also qualified for final: J Screen (Belle Vue), 8; C Louis (Ipswich), 9; R Knight (Berwick), 8; D Mullett (Reading), 8; M Loram (King's Lynn), 8.

GOLD CUP: Second division: Middlesbrough 57, Stoke 33, Sheffield 45, Glasgow 44.

TABLE TENNIS

CHINA, Japan: World championships: Singles: Men: First round: Selected results: M Syed (Eng) bt J Broe (Scot), 21-17, 21-18; S Andrew (Eng) bt T Wardle (Ger), 21-12, 21-15, 21-14; S Ward (Wales) bt A B Hacpa (Barg), w o; C Xinhua (Eng) bt D Mammessidis (Fr), 19-21, 21-16, 21-12, 21-17; S Vardanyan (USSR) bt C Steva (Ire), 18-21, 21-19, 15-21, 21-18, 21-18; A Cooke (Eng) bt M Appelgren (Swe), 21-12, 21-19, 14-21, 24-22, 23-21; C Pisani (Eng) bt R Vins (Cz), 17-21, 21-10, 22-20, 21-10. Second round: Xinhua bt K Gal-Choi (Kor), 21-18, 21-17, 21-19; Pisani bt Ward, 21-8, 21-11, 21-8; Wei Cuang-guang (Chse) bt Syed, 21-15, 21-11, 21-14; Wang bt Andrew, 21-17, 18-21, 22-24, 21-14, 21-19; Lee Chul-seung (Kor) bt Cooke, 21-18, 21-15, 23-21. Women: First round: A Nastase (Rom) bt N Williams (Wales), 21-12, 21-8, 21-11; A Holt (Eng) bt J Barton (Can), 21-19, 21-17, 21-10; X Jian (Taiwan) bt J Smith (Scot), 21-14, 21-15, 21-10; L Lomas (Eng) bt C Preasel (Ger), 19-21, 21-12, 21-9, 23-21; F Elliot (Eng) bt R Dipoyani (Indo), 21-14, 17-21, 19-21, 21-11, 21-7; Second round: C Po-wa (HK) bt Lomas, 21-6, 21-12, 21-14; Tu bt Holt, 20-22, 21-7, 21-8, 21-16; Yeping bt Elliot, 21-8, 21-18, 21-13.

FOOTBALL

BRAZILIAN LEAGUE: Vasco da Gama 3, Atletico Paranaense 2; Santos 1, Palmeiras 1.

Thursday's late results

BARCLAYS LEAGUE: Third division: Bournemouth 0, Preston 0. Fourth division: Cardiff 1, Blackpool 1.

GM VAUXHALL CONFERENCE: Altrincham 0, Northwich 2; Kidderminster 3, Barrow 1.

OVENDEN PAPERS COMBINATION: Chelsea 5, Swindon 2; Crystal Palace 2, Queen's Park Rangers 1; Watford 2, Ipswich 0; West Ham 2, Luton 2.

FONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Aston Villa 0, Sheffield Wed 0. Second division: Grimsby 0, Mansfield 0; Oldham 2, West Bromwich Alb 2; Scunthorpe 2, Notts Co 2.

PREMIER INTER-LEAGUE CUP: Final: Dover 3, Southport 2 (at Aylesbury).

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: *VS Rugby 1, Bashley 1.*

VAUXHALL LEAGUE: Premier division: Windsor and Eton 2, Woking 1; Carshalton 3, Kingstonian 2. First division: Worthing 1, Boreham Wood 1.

HFS LOANS LEAGUE: Premier division: Bangor 1, Hyde 0; Gainsborough 2, Marine 3; Goole 1, Witton 2.

WENDY FAIR CAPITAL LEAGUE: Sutton 0, Southend 7.

EUROPEAN UNDER-21 CHAMPIONSHIP: Hungary 0, Italy 1 (in Szombathely).

SOVIET LEAGUE: Lokomotiv Moscow 0, Torpedo Moscow 1; Shakhtyor Donetsk 1, Spartak Moscow 1; Pamir Dushanbe 2, Dynamo Kiev 1; Dynamo Minsk 0, Metallist Kharkov 0; Dynamo Moscow 3, Pakhtakor Tashkent 1; Spartak Vladikavkaz 2, Metallurg Zaporozhe 1; Chernomorets Odessa 0, Dnepr Dnepropetrovsk 0.

CRICKET

RAPID CRICKETLINE SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP: The Oval: Worcestershire 251-8 dec (A Hollioake 4-79) and 60; Surrey 151-3 dec. Old Trafford: Lancashire 411-4 dec (S P Titchard 182 not out, J D Fitton 108 not out) and 39-0; Leicestershire 331 (B N Smith 119, P A Nixon 86).

BAIN CLARKSON TROPHY: Melksham: MCC Young Professionals 147, Kent 117-5 (S G Hinks 61). Kent won on faster scoring rate.

SCHOOLS MATCHES: Langdale Cup: *Brighton Coll 227-4 (A J Sweet 109, Ardingly 170-9. Other matches: Bradfield 76, *Harrow 77-5, *Bristol Cathedral 59, Colston's 100-8; *Cheltenham Coll 200-5, Pates GS 175-8; *Cheltenham Coll 299-2 (B Lawrence 117 not out), Randolphe 158 and 71; Felsted 185, *Harrow 161-8; Gentleman of Leicestershire 152-9, *Oakham 141-7; Hailleybl 130-6 dec, *Bearwood 131-7; Haileybl 130-6 dec, *Bearwood 131-7; Malvern 107, Haileybury 108-2; *Brighton Coll 103, Haileybury's XI 222-5, *Brighton Coll 200 (A J Sweet 104); The 40 Club 150-8 dec, *Giggleswick 151-4.

* denotes home team

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): Stanley Cup: Campbell Conference: Semi-final play-off: Minnesota North Stars 3, Edmonton Oilers 1 (North Stars lead best-of-seven series, 1-0).

TURKU, Finland: World championship: Soviet Union 3, Canada 3; Finland 3, Czechoslovakia 2.

GOLF

WOBURN: Ford Ladies Classic: Leading second round scores (GB and Ireland unless stated): 138: D Reid, 68, 70. 142: A Nicholas, 68, 74. 143: B Hallbig (Ger), 71, 72. 144: L Maritz (SA), 71, 73; J Furby, 72, 72; C Panton-Lewis, 73, 71. 145: R Comeadow (US), 72, 73; J Arnold (NZ), 70, 75. 146: A Dibos (Peru), 74, 72. 147: D Hanna, 77, 70; R Lautens (Switz), 73, 74, F Descampe (Bel), 75, 72; K Lunn (Aus), 72, 75; N Way, 71, 76. 148: A Shepcott, 74, 74; T Abitbol (Sp), 75, 73; S Strudwick, 74, 74; E Chauliac (Fr), 74, 74; Li Wan-Lin (Taiwan), 73, 75. 149: L Rogers (US), 75, 74; K Crawford (US), 72, 77; D Barnard, 76, 73; H Wadsworth, 77, 72; B van Stiren (Neth), 74, 75; K Douglas, 75, 74, X Wunsch (Sp), 72, 77. 150: S Bennett, 74, 76, J A Brown, 70, 80; T Johnson, 73, 77; S Soulsby, 73, 77; C Dibnah (Aus), 75, 75; K Mallenstrand (Swe), 74, 76; P Conley (US), 76, 74; S Granberg (Swe), 75, 75; M Busstrom (Swe), 76, 74, F Daasu (It), 74, 76. 151: M Bertolaski (Swe), 75, 76; K Marshall, 76, 75; C Dalty 73, 78; G Stewart, 80, 71; H Koch (Swe), 75, 76; K Gregg (Aus), 76, 74; E Orley (Switz), 72, 79; A Ovassalsena (Swe), 78, 73; D Dowling, 74, 77; J Bertholomew (US), 75, 76; M Navarro (Sp), 75, 76; H Albradsson (Swe), 77, 74. 152: M-L de Lorenzi (Fr), 73, 79; K Dalton, 77, 75; E Krusse (Swe), 79, 73; M Garner, 77, 75; C Gibson, 74, 78. 153: J Rowe, 75, 78.

CANNES: Open tournament: Leading second-round scores (GB and Ire unless stated): 136: M McNulty (Zim), 70, 66. 137: D Feherty, 69, 68; S Hamill, 67, 70; D Williams, 68, 71. 138: JJ Maurice (Fr), 68, 70. 139: A Somerson (Den), 70, 69. 140: B Barnes, 70, 71; R Lee, 71, 69; M Kolesgaard, 72, 68. 141: P Fox, 71, 69; D Durnian, 66, 74; W Riley (Aus), 72, 69. 141: L Lassalle (Fr), 72, 69; B Marchbank, 70, 71; J van de Velde (Fr), 70, 71; PJ Johansson (Swe), 67, 74; D Smyth, 73, 68; P Price, 71, 70; M Clayton (Aus), 70, 71; P Barquez (Fr), 74, 67; J Bland (SA), 68, 73. 142: V Fernandez (Arg), 73, 69; S Richardson, 72, 70; J Hawksworth, 71, 71; W Grand, 73, 69; G Day (US), 71, 71; B Lane, 70, 72; M A Martin (Sp), 72, 70; R Rafferty, 71, 71. 143: C van de Velde (Neth), 69, 74; G Levenson (SA), 71, 72; H Selby-Green, 72, 71; P Hedblom (Swe), 71, 72; C Parry (Aus), 72, 71; M Farvy (Fr), 71, 72; C Rocca (It), 68, 75; R Claydon, 70, 73. 144: L Trinder (Aus), 72, 72; A Hunter, 77, 67; A Binaghi (It), 72, 72; T Planchin (Fr), 74, 70; A Sasiain (Arg), 74, 70; J Sweetser, 71, 73; R Huff (US), 72, 72; J Davila (Sp), 75, 69. P Terravainen (US), 71, 73; N Briggs, 71, 73; G Call (It), 72, 72; V Forsbrand (Swe), 75, 69; J Hobday, 76, 68; I Mosey, 73, 71; S McAllister, 73, 71; O Sellberg (Swe), 70, 74; A Sherborne, 73, 71; M Persson (Swe), 68, 76; R Drummond, 75, 69.

IRVING, Texas: Byron Nelson Classic: Leading first-round scores (US unless stated): 65: T Watson, 66; L Wadkins, M Wiebe, E Aubrey, 67; R Floyd, D Tewell, D Rummells, R Wadkins, B Lietzke, S Utley, G Ladehoff, D Hart. 68: R Lohr, C Pavin, N Price (Zim), H Sutton, C Stadler, R Eastwood, T Kite, J D Blake, S Simpson, H Twitty, R Zokol (Can).

NAGOYA, Japan: Open tournament: Leading second-round scores (Japan unless stated): 138: I Aoki, 68, 70. 139: N Ozaki, 69, 70; A Harwood (Aus), 68, 70. 140: T Nakajima, 70, 70; I Shirahama, 70, 70; Y Yokoshima, 69, 71. 141: K Takahashi, 70, 71. Other scores: 142: S Ballesteros (Sp), 67, 75. 148: P Hoad (GB), 73, 75.

LITTLE ASTON: Staffordshire women's championship: Semi-finals: R Boles (Beau Desert) bt A Booth (Little Aston), 19th; R Millington (Druid's Heath) bt M Winnett (Trentham), 2 and 1. Final: Boles bt Millington, 3 and 2.

SQUASH RACKETS

GELSENKIRCHEN: European team championships: Qualifying rounds: Men: Group A: Pool one: England bt Sweden 3 (D Nanz bt P Sjoberg, 9-7, 9-2, 9-2; P Marshall bt T Falch, 9-6, 9-4, 9-2; J Nicolls bt T Ruigaesson, 9-1, 9-1, 9-0; C Walker lost to R Henning, w o; P Gregory bt B Bostrom, 9-1, 9-0, 10-8); Netherlands 4, Ireland 1 (P Schalkx bt W Hosey, 9-5, 9-4, 9-2; S L Bres lost to G Stewart, 2-9, 1-9, 5-9; E Van der Pluym bt D Ryan, 9-5, 9-7, 9-5; E Smit bt K Flynn, 1-9, 9-6, 9-5, 9-4; M Vantogen bt J McKay, 9-7, 9-4, 6-9, 9-2). Semi-final: England 5, Germany 0 (D Harris bt S Frenz, 9-6, 9-6, 9-3, 9-1; P Marshall bt O Rucks, 9-0, 9-1, 9-5; S Parke bt M Ehlert, 10-8, 9-4, 9-3; J Nicolls bt F Possl, 9-0, 9-4, 9-5; P Gregory bt B Bay, 7-9, 9-2, 10-8, 9-1). Pool two: Wales 4, Switzerland 1 (A Davies bt T Strassle, 9-0, 9-2, 9-3; A Evans bt S Wiederkehr, 10-8, 9-6, 8-3; A Gronn bt A Marshall, 9-7, 9-2, 9-0; G Davies lost to R Domenech, 6-9, 9-3, 2-9, 5-9; J Dark bt M Siefert, 5-8, 9-4, 9-4, 9-2); Finland 3, Germany 2. Play-offs: Wales 3, Ireland 2 (A Davies bt W Hosey, 9-4, 9-5, 9-6; A Evans lost to G Stewart, 7-9, 9-7, 4-9, 9-2, 1-9; A Gronn bt D Ryan, 9-3, 9-3, 10-8; G Davies bt J Hassi, 1-9, 9-6, 9-1, 9-3, 9-3; J Dark lost to K Flynn, 8-9, 10-8, 5-9, 0-9). Group B: Pool one: Scotland 5, Italy 0 (M Maclean bt S Rocca, 9-4, 9-1, 9-2; F Elia bt D Sesi, 9-4, 9-4, 9-0; G Sword bt F Busi, 9-5, 9-0, 9-1; D Rankine bt J Facchini, 9-3, 9-3, 9-0; A Marrosi, 9-2, 9-0, 9-1); Norway 3, Italy 2. Pool two: Spain 5, Greece 0; Portugal 4, Greece 1. Pool three: Belgium 4, Austria 1; Andorra 5, Hungary 0. Pool four: France 3, Denmark 2; Lichtenstein 4, Luxembourg 1. Women: Group A: Pool one: England 3, Ireland 0 (M Le Mologan bt R Best, 9-1, 9-0, 9-5; F Gerrard bt M Croke, 9-7, 9-2, 6-9, 9-3, 10-8; L Soulter bt B Conway, 9-2, 9-0, 9-0); Germany 3, Wales 0 (D Gmeinla bt S Johnston, 9-5, 9-7, 9-1; A Holbe bt H Barnard, 9-0, 2-9, 9-7, 9-4; S Baus bt D Newton, 9-4, 9-0, 9-4). Semi-finals: England 3, Finland 0 (M Le Mologan bt T Myllyniemi, 9-1, 9-1, 9-0; L Soulter bt N Tiensinio, 2-9, 9-6, 9-1, 9-4; C Jackman bt S Ahlfast, 9-0, 9-1, 9-5; Nationalities 3, Germany 0). Pool two: Netherlands 3, Finland 0. Pool three: Sweden 0. Group B: Pool one: Scotland 3, Austria 0 (A Bowie bt P Pance, 9-3, 9-5, 9-1; S Brown bt G Truley, 9-0, 7-9, 9-0, 5-9, 9-3; L Philip bt S Stenzel, 9-1, 9-0, 9-1). Norway 3 Italy 0; Switzerland 3 Spain 0. Play-offs: Ireland 3, Sweden 0 (R Best bt E Swentzy, +9, 9-3, 9-0, 9-3; M Croke bt L Olsson, 9-5, 9-2, 9-3; B Conway bt H Tamelstell 9-5, 9-0, 10-8); Scotland 3, Italy 0 (A Bowie bt T Camilleri, 9-3, 10-8, 9-1; S Brown bt C Fabbri, 9-2, 9-3, 9-1; E Donaldson bt F Perciota, 9-0, 9-0, 9-0); Norway 2, Switzerland 1; Spain 3, Austria 0; Scotland 3 Norway 0 (A Bowie bt E Bilera, 9-0, 9-1, 9-8, 10-9; E Donaldson bt H Kristenson, 9-2, 9-2, 9-2; L Philip bt K Eide, 6-9, 9-1, 9-7, 9-5). Italy 2, Denmark 1.

REAL TENNIS

HOLYPORT: J D Ward National League: Final: Hampton Court bt Petworth, 2-1 (Hampton names first: C Ronaldson bt C Bray, 1-6, 6-4, 6-2; Shall lost to Pendrigh, 5-6, 6-1, 6-3; N Wood bt A Phillips, 6-4, 6-3).

HAYLING ISLAND: George Wimpey British open women's championship: First round (GB unless stated): P Danby bt E Dewd (US), 6-1, 6-2; A Bartlett bt M Haggett, 6-0, 6-1; C Cornelius bt M Briggs, 6-1, 6-2; P Fellowes bt J Pope, 6-0, 6-2; T Syson bt J Vaughan, 6-2, 6-4; A Garside bt M Pignon, 6-0, 6-0; S Jones bt M Wright, 6-1, 6-0. Quarter-final: Bartlett bt A Cockcroft, 4-6, 6-5, 6-2.

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DAVIS CUP: World group: Quarter-final: France and Australia level, 1-1 (G Forget bt W Masur, 6-3, 6-3, 6-4; F Santoro lost to R Fromberg, 3-6, 4-6, 6-7). European-African zone: Group one: Relegation play-off: Bulgaria: Romania lead Ireland, 2-0 (A Pavel bt D Casey, 6-4, 6-1, 6-1; A Marcu bt E Collins, 6-4, 6-2, 6-3). Budapest: Hungary lead Morocco, 2-0. Group two: First round: Cairo: Egypt lead Senegal, 2-0. Asia-Oceania zone: Group one: Second round: Manila: Philippines and China level, 1-1. Group two: First round: Singapore: Singapore lead Kuwait, 2-0. Colombo: Sri Lanka lead Syria, 2-0. Isa Town: Bahrain and Bangladesh level, 1-1. Second round: India and South Korea level, 1-1.

TAMPA, Florida: Men's tournament: Second round: R Reneberg (US) bt B Dreeir (Yug), 6-3, 6-4; P Korda (Cz) bt J Brown (US), 6-4, 3-6, 7-6; M Washington (US) bt B Shelton (US), 7-6, 7-6; M Pernfors (Swe) bt C Saceanu (Ger), 6-4, 6-2; P Arraya (Peru) bt N Kroon (Swe), 5-7, 6-4, 7-6; K Evernden (NZ) bt H Holm (Swe), w o; C Garner (US) b

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Big corporations targeted as sponsors

Players launch scheme to put rugby on map

By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent

THE England rugby union players, collectively the subject of much ill-informed criticism this season for trying to turn the game for their own ends, announced yesterday an initiative intended to popularise the sport. Its theme will be "Run With The Ball".

In a year when the profile of the game has never been higher in England, because of the national team's grand-slam success and the World Cup to be played this autumn, the players have devised a scheme which will make major corporations "Official Supporters" of English rugby. The objective is to raise £2 million from eight elite packages, which will go towards the promotion of rugby among youngsters and which will use the expertise of the Rugby Football Union's (RFU) own youth development officers.

The plan has been discussed in the context of the RFU and players working party over the last four weeks, to ensure that proposals remain within the boundaries of the amateur regulations. At the end of the campaign there is likely to be a residue of funds from non rugby-related activities – perhaps to the order of £300,000 – which will be divided, I understand, on a share basis between players involved in the national squad over the 1991-2 season.

A main instigator of the campaign is Brian Moore, the Harlequins and England hooker, who received a reprimand from the RFU yesterday. Moore was fined £500 and given a suspended jail sentence by Nottingham magistrates last week after pleading guilty to a charge of assault and the RFU committee, in issuing the reprimand, warned him about his future conduct.

Nevertheless, the decision will be a relief for Moore who plays today in the final of the Pilkington Cup against Northampton and will tour with England to Australia and Fiji in July.

The RFU took the view that Moore had suffered enough for his intemperate action, which was the result of considerable provocation. "I'm incredibly relieved," Moore said, "because the last seven months have been a nightmare. I have known the court case was looming and I have tried to keep it as far away from my rugby as possible but it has been very difficult. I hoped when rugby came to judge me they would take into account the positive influence I have had on the game generally."

Moore was one of a group of leading players who, acting for Player Vision, the England squad company, outlined the promotional plans yesterday. They have been formulated in conjunction with the Parallel Media Group (PMG), a company which has a contract to act as marketing and promotional advisors to Player Vision. David Ciclitira, the PMG chairman, said: "The players came to us with a vision of what they would like to do for the game."

The upshot of their discussions is a national advertising campaign on radio, television and in cinemas which, the players hope, will establish the profile of the game with young people and ensure its healthy growth in the years to come.

They have weighed the unparallelled marketing opportunity offered by the World Cup against the economic recession the country is suffering and clearly believe big companies will wish to become involved.

Promoting the product

By Simon Barnes

IT IS not every day that you can offer an organisation more than £1 million and worry about catching hell for it. But yesterday the England rugby team unveiled a zappy, glossy promotional package to raise money for the Rugby Football Union (RFU) – and then held a meeting with the press in an effort to pre-empt criticism.

In a bizarre atmosphere of jargon, Filofax, suits and natty-striped shirts, the meeting took place with players and promoters together at the office of Parallel Media, the company the team has engaged to promote the interests of themselves and of the game. The plans were revealed to half a dozen journalists selected for their record of sympathy with the players.

"The World Cup is a unique window of opportunity," the England captain, Will Carling, said in the nattiest striped shirt of them all. "This offers the chance of a huge promotional exercise designed to benefit the whole game – not individual players."

The package has everything the corporate marketing person might expect. There is a slogan – Run With The Ball! – and a logo, this being a stylised picture of Rob Andrew – "the only picture in existence of Andrew actually running with the ball" – a campaign of cinema ads to reach the young, posters, television commercials, radio slots and so on. It seeks eight big corporate "supporters" paying £250,000 each.

Parallel Media has worked on the package for four weeks after being approached by the team. The quorum of senior members of the team turned up to present the package to the press: Carling, Brian Moore, Richard Hill and Rob Andrew.

This was something of a momentous occasion, perhaps the first time in history any national team has hijacked the commercial potential of the game from the game's governing body. But yesterday's meeting of the full committee of the RFU, all 57 of them, gave approval "in principle" to the package. This was hardly automatic. Six weeks ago, the RFU refused a player permission to accept a £100 clothing voucher and some observers had thought that if the package were accepted at all, it would come in over a few dead bodies.

"The players have taken the initiative, but we have kept entirely within the guidelines set out for us in writing by the RFU," Carling said. "I did not anticipate opposition from the committee ... How could anyone turn down £1 million?"

The players stand to make some money themselves, in ways outlined in the official guidelines. These are for activities that are not "rugby related". All players stressed that they were not expecting to make fortunes from the deal. "Some people have the idea that we are interested in nothing but money. This has hurt," Carling said.

The package involves a number of worthy schemes like a rugby camp for young players in west London, work with schools and coaching clinics.

Throughout the package, the emphasis is on promoting the game *through* individual star players – and not the other way round. "It is all far more than any individual," Moore said. "This is what the team wants to do. The product is the game."

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MAYDAY FOR THE BANGLADESH CYCLONE SURVIVORS

Only days after the most ferocious cyclone in living memory, Bangladesh remains in a state of shock. Human bodies, animal carcasses and the debris of a million homes lay scattered across a sea of mud. As many as 100,000 people are missing, presumed dead.

What will become of the survivors? Families are grieving. Children are starving. Dying from exposure and diarrhoea. Only immediate rescue action can save them.

Even now, World Vision Bangladesh is rushing its dwindling stock-pile of supplies to the impact zone. But we desperately need more funds for vital food, clothing, shelter, water purifying tablets and medicines. Our project workers on the ground will ensure your help reaches those most in need.

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DEAN ATKINS



Downcast Davis avoids watching a winning break by Parrott

Davis opens the way for Parrott revenge

By Steve Acteson

OF THE four Embassy world championship semi-finalists only Steve Davis has won the title, six times. After the second session of both best of 31 frames matches yesterday, however, Davis, the second seed, was looking the least likely candidate to triumph this year. He was 10-4 behind against the fourth ranked John Parrott at the Crucible Theatre, Sheffield.

Steve James, the world No. 9 and conqueror of the defending champion, Stephen Hendry, was looking equally troubled against the fourth seed, Jimmy White, when he fell 8-3 into deficit. But James has remarkable powers of recovery and by winning three of the next four frames he put himself back into contention, even though still 9-6 down.

Last night Parrott needed six frames out of the next batch of eight to defeat Davis with an entire session to spare and gain ample revenge for his 18-3 defeat by Davis in the 1989 final.

White looked unstoppable at the start of yesterday's play as his clash with James continued at breakneck speed. Leading 5-3 on Thursday night, White took the opening two frames with breaks of 53 and 64 while allowing James a total of only eight points. When James made 32 in the next frame, but then missed a red into the top left-hand pocket, White made 63 before adding a clearance of 30 for good measure.

But White's aura of invincibility was illusory. Although he continued to hold the whip hand in frame 12 he then left the last red over the jaws of the centre pocket and James gratefully cleared to black.

He celebrated with two magnificent century breaks in the next three frames. In frame 13 he made 102 and in frame 15 he rattled in 106 but missed the last red to let slip the chance of overtaking White's high break mark of 140 by a single point. In between, White had won a complicated 14th frame with a brown to black clearance after snookering James on the brown. James escaped but left the brown on.

Parrott was 5-2 up overnight and Davis missed the chance to win the first frame on the resumption when he went in-off the blue, Parrott then clearing to pink. Davis also led in the second frame but once again the blue ball proved his downfall when he missed it into a middle pocket for James to clear this time to black.

Parrott continued his run with breaks of 46 and 122 and although Davis won the next two frames Parrott easily won the last frame of the session to be six frames ahead.

RESULTS: Semi-finals: J Parrott (Eng) leads S Davis (Eng), 10-4. Frame scores (Davis first): 65-11, 51-55, 53-60, 38-48, 0-101, 82-0, 4-83, 49-63, 54-62, 46-78, 8-123 (122), 70-52, 95-4, 12-122. J White (Eng) leads S James (Eng), 9-8. Frame scores (White first): 82-15, 88-25, 61-68, 94-0, 94-28, 52-67, 5-77, 71-1, 92-8, 69-0, 83-32, 56-65, 3-114 (102), 78-88, 0-106 (105).

Graham out to play down the pressure

By Clive White

NOT that one could expect Arsenal to agree, but perhaps congratulations are in order, after all, to the "handicappers" at the Football Association for unwittingly creating a more exciting climax to this season's championship race than at one time seemed likely.

Those who believe in level weights for all were less inclined to commend the FA back in November, when it docked Arsenal two points for their part in the Old Trafford free-for-all and put the London club at a seemingly crippling eight-point disadvantage to the champions.

Arsenal's recovery has been so complete that had it not been for their penalty they would be cantering towards the kind of inevitable victory more readily associated with Liverpool. Instead, a two-match winning start by Graeme Souness as manager at Liverpool has again weighed Arsenal down, this time with pressure.

As a further burden, they face a Sunderland side playing for its first-division life today, in front of a passionately-committed Roker Park audience with millions of television critics ready to pass instant judgment upon the would-be champions.

But if Arsenal can withstand all of that and still come out on top, and Liverpool lose to Chelsea in a game starting some two hours earlier, at Stamford Bridge, then the championship trophy will, deservedly, be Highbury-bound for the second time in three years, barring a mathematical improbability.

George Graham, the Arsenal manager, is understandably concerned about the pressure a Liverpool victory might create, particularly for the younger members of his side, such as Kevin Campbell and David Hillier.

"Players are creatures of habit and I would prefer our usual preparation, but television coverage is a fact of life and we have to accept it," he said. "I'm not going to talk about pressure because it is tremendous to be involved in the title race going into the last week and I will happily settle for the same situation next season, whether we win or not."

After Anders Limpar's apparently excellent performance for Sweden in midweek, Graham may feel less inclined to tinker with the Arsenal selection by recalling Perry Groves. The inclusion of David O'Leary as a third central defender seems a distinct possibility against a Sunderland side showing signs of improvement.

Liverpool, even more than Arsenal, are obliged to attack and will probably play with a flat back four, whether or not Gary Ablett recovers from an ankle injury. Glenn Hysen, who was captain in the absence of Ronnie Whelan under the previous regime, is in the squad but still unlikely to play his first game for Souness.

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FIRST DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
*Arsenal	35	22	12	1	65	16	76
Liverpool	35	22	7	6	72	34	73
C Palace	36	16	9	9	44	41	59
Man City	35	16	11	9	61	50	59
Leeds Utd	35	17	7	11	55	46	58
†Man Utd	34	15	11	8	56	38	56
Wimbledon	36	14	13	9	52	43	55
Notts Forest	35	12	11	12	38	45	47
Tottenham	35	11	14	10	48	46	47
QPR	36	12	9	15	43	51	45
Chelsea	36	12	9	15	52	65	45
Everton	35	11	11	13	45	43	44
Southampton	36	12	8	16	58	62	44
Coventry	36	11	10	15	41	43	43
Sheff Utd	36	12	6	17	33	52	42
Norwich	36	12	6	17	36	60	42
Aston Villa	35	8	13	14	40	50	37
Luton	36	9	7	20	40	60	34
Sunderland	36	8	9	19	35	57	33
Derby Co	35	4	9	22	29	68	21

* 2pts deducted
† 1pt deducted

REMAINING FIXTURES: Arsenal: Today: Sunderland (a). May 6: Manchester United (h). May 11: Coventry City (h). Liverpool: Today: Chelsea (a). May 6: Nottingham Forest (a). May 11: Tottenham Hotspur (h).

Pressure on Luton 'is League's fault'

By Clive White

JIM Ryan, the Luton Town manager, blamed the Football League yesterday for putting unfair pressure upon Sunderland, his own club's main rivals in the relegation issue, as well as upon the Bedfordshire club by acceding to the demands of television and deferring the kick-off between the north-east club and Arsenal today.

The Roker Park match, which is being televised, will kick-off at 5.20pm, by which time the result of the game between Everton and Luton Town at Goodison Park will be known. If Luton win, Sunderland may have to do likewise just to earn a stay of execution in their first season upon returning to the first division.

"I think it is a dangerous precedent for the League to set, interfering with the fixture list," Ryan said. "It could be construed as unfair to Sunderland, as well as ourselves, because if we win at Everton it puts Sunderland under enormous pressure."

With little differene between the sides on goal difference – Luton are minus 20 and Sunderland minus 21 – it is likely that the matter will be not be resolved until the last day of the season. Aston Villa, however, could achieve their own survival if they were to win at Leeds. If not, they still have two more chances to gain the necessary points.

Sheffield Wednesday will be as good as promoted from the second division, along with West Ham United and Oldham Athletic, if they win at home to Millwall and Notts County do no better than draw at home to Oldham. Victories for Millwall and County would secure their places in the play-offs.

Southend United can earn promotion from the third division by winning while Cambridge United can make it all but an arithmetic certainty. Grimsby Town, who boast a handy goal difference of plus 31, may still need a point if they win today unless Bolton Wanderers only draw at Swansea.

Darlington can secure the fourth division championship as well as promotion by winning at Scunthorpe.

Professionalism in rugby – spot the difference

SIMON BARNES ON SATURDAY

As the most cursory glance at this page will reveal, the sport of rugby union was rocked to its *foundations yesterday. This* column is proud to present some pertinent comment on the state of rugby football today.

"The remarkable growth of interest in the game of rugby football, on the part of both the players and spectators during the past few seasons, needs no emphasis. Rugby was never in more robust health than it is today ... There are problems, of course, on the administrative side of the game, which are not free from difficulty ... There also is the problem of uniform rulings by referees. But the immediate future of the game is safe because those who control its destinies are amateurs in the best sense of the word, and have set their faces against the intrusion of the faintest trace of professionalism. A quite legitimate concern certainly has been expressed by some at the increased hold that the game has obtained upon the public ... The fear, too, has been expressed that [the increasing amount of money in the game] may lead to veiled professionalism. So far as this latter fear is concerned, it is safe to say that the various Unions who handle these large sums of money may be relied upon to extend them upon worthy objects." This comes from *The Rugby Football Annual 1926-27.*

Gigs and guts

This column has long admired yachties for their devotion to the only sport I know in which you are sick, cold, wet and terrified all at the same time. I now learn that there is another, and rapidly growing sport that possesses the same beguiling quartet of pleasures with the bonus of making you gut-wrenchingly knackered as well. It is gig racing; and the world pilot gig championships are taking place today and tomorrow off the Scillies. Gigs were once used for ferrying pilots to sailing ships entering the Channel, and the custom of rowing and racing them has been growing in Cornwall in recent years.

But mere racing is not enough for some. The Roseland Gig Club is planning to row the entire western approach to the Channel – all 100 miles of it, from Roseland to Roscoff. They anticipate that it will take 24 hours, all spent sitting on a plank and exposed to the undiluted force of the Atlantic, across one of the biggest busiest shipping lanes in the world, and will require each rower to make approximately 45,000 strokes of the oar. If anybody wants to sponsor this bunch of lunatics, please get in touch with me.

Peel of protest

Canadian athletics, still groggy from the Ben Johnson affair, now faces legal proceedings for alleged violation of human rights. The point at issue is the policy of the national sporting federation, Sports Canada, to grant full financial aid to elite athletes when they are injured – but not when they are pregnant. An injured athlete is paid Can$450 a month, but a pregnant athlete gets only 40 per cent of this. At the centre of all this is Ann Peel, the national walking champion and record holder. She gave birth to her first child in January, and turned out in a race a month later solely to protect the future of her grant.

She finished a distant last over 3,000 metres, two minutes behind the winner. Peel, who is a lawyer by profession, has threatened to Sports Canada to the Federal Human Rights Commission. The dispute, she says, is not about money but principle.

☐ *I would like to salute Brian Johnston, the cricket person, for his quixotic seconding of Rachael Heyhoe-Flint's attempt to get into MCC. It is not the first time that Johnston has incurred disapproval of the club. In 1943, his application for membership was held back for two years by Plum Warner because of "rowdy behaviour" during the Eton and Harrow match. I am informed that this took place in Block G, but alas, we cannot affix a blue plaque to mark that historic spot. It has been replaced by the Compton and Edrich Stand.*

Dogs beware

How does a runner cope with the assaults of dogs? *Running* magazine has been besieged by suggestions from athletic gauntlet-runners from all over the country. "The best form of defence is attack," said one.

"The wilder and louder you are the better it is." Another runner suggests carrying a water pistol, which you squirt at the dog's eyes. Other gadget-lovers recommend the Dazer, a device that makes a sound as distressing to dogs as it is inaudible to humans. Still more runners recommend an aerosol can of dog deterrent.

But another faction prefers a more ingratiating approach, like dropping a handful of aniseed balls at the paws of any over-excited dog. There is also a school of thought recommending a diplomatic solution, stopping, standing still, and offering a trembling hand to be sniffed. I have the perfect solution – sit on a horse. It is a foolish dog that does not know its limitations.

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